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SUPERMAN

"REFLECTIONS"

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FIFTY THOUSAND LIGHT YEARS FROM EARTH...

<DO NOT TRIFLE WITH ME! I SEEK TRANSPORT TO A RIM WORLD IN THE 12TH SECTOR, AND I AM WILLING TO PAY WELL!>

<ARE YOU OR ARE YOU NOT A PILOT?>

<I-I AM... B-BUT I DON'T KNOW THE RIM! K'RAANDYN IS THE ONLY GOB I KNOW WHO'D EVER HEAD OUT THAT WAY!>

<DID I HEAR MY NAME TAKEN IN VAIN?>

<...TOO EASY TO PASS UP...>

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<T-TAKE IT EASY, PAL... I DIDN'T MEAN NUTHIN' PERSONAL.. HALF THE GALAXY MUSTA SEEN YOUR LAST BOUT! VENDORS ARE STILL SELLING PIRATED MOLO-CHIPS OF THE GAMES. S-SEE...>



<...IT'S A POPULAR HOLD.>

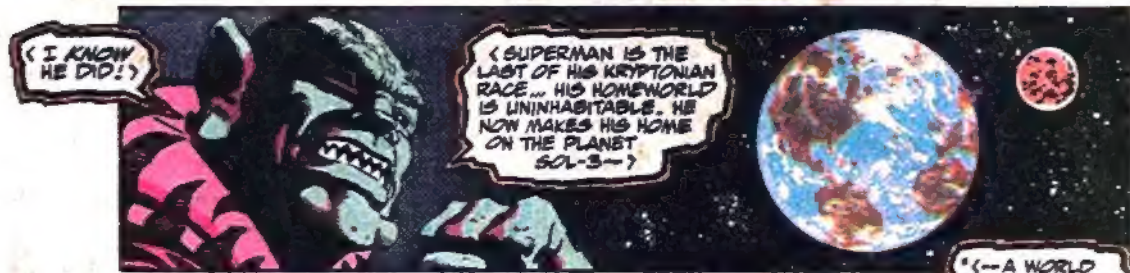
<ME, I THOUGHT YA GOT A RAW DEAL!>



<YES... SUPERMAN LEFT ME IN SHAMEFUL DEFEAT, THEN REFUSED TO END MY HUMILIATION WITH DEATH.>

<I MUST HUNT HIM DOWN! THERE MUST BE A RECKONING!>

<UH-HUH. AND YA THINK HE WENT TO HIS RIM WORLD?>



<I KNOW HE DID!>

<SUPERMAN IS THE LAST OF HIS KRYPTONIAN RACE... HIS HOMETOWN IS UNINHABITABLE. HE NOW MAKES HIS HOME ON THE PLANET SOL-3-->

<--A WORLD ITS INHABITANTS CALL EARTH!>



<"FROM RECORDS LEFT BY THE ATTENDANT ASSIGNED TO HIM DURING THE GAMES, I KNOW THAT SUPERMAN ADMITTED TO BEING A HERO ON HIS ADOPTED WORLD...">



<"...THE CHAMPION AND PROTECTOR OF A GREAT GOLDEN CITY KNOWN AS METROPOLIS!>

BRR! WHERE'D THAT WIND COME FROM?

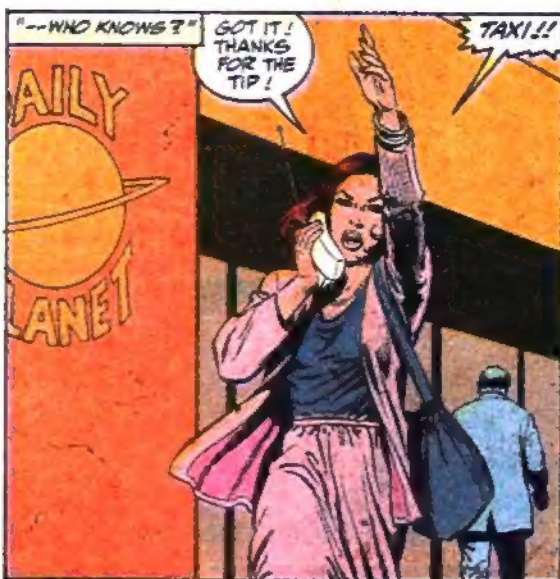
THAT'S NO WIND--



--IT'S SUPERMAN!

WHOA! WHY'S HE IN SUCH A HURRY? WHAT'S HAPPENED? SOME SORT OF EMERGENCY--?

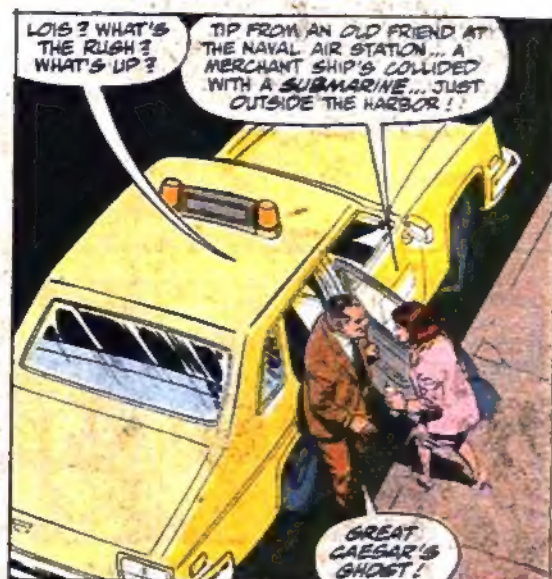
AW, MAYBE HE'S JUST HEADED TO EUROPE FOR AN EARLY LUNCH...



--WHO KNOWS?--

GOT IT! THANKS FOR THE TIP!

TAXI!!



LOIS? WHAT'S THE RUSH? WHAT'S UP?

TIP FROM AN OLD FRIEND AT THE NAVAL AIR STATION... A MERCHANT SHIP'S COLLIDED WITH A SUBMARINE... JUST OUTSIDE THE HARBOR!

GREAT CAESAR'S GHOST!



SHOVE OVER!

TAKE US TO PIER 27--AND STEP ON IT!

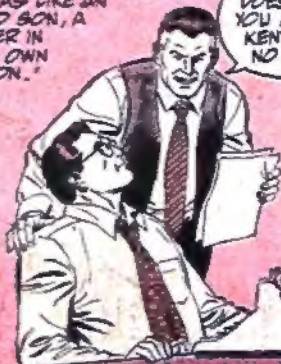
I'LL PAY ANY TICKETS!

PERRY--!

YOU GOT IT, POPS!



"...BUT IN MANY WAYS, CLARK WAS LIKE AN HONORED SON, A REPORTER IN PERRY'S OWN TRADITION."



IF THIS DOESN'T GET YOU A PULITZER, KENT, THERE'S NO JUSTICE!

"HE WAS A GOOD REPORTER RIGHT FROM DAY ONE... BUT HE NEVER FLASHED MUCH EGO. WHEN JIMMY CLOEN WAS STILL A COPY BOY, CLARK TOOK TIME TO GIVE HIM TIPS ON HIS PHOTOGRAPHY."



"EVEN AFTER HIS COLUMN BECAME SYNDICATED, HE PASSED UP A CHANCE FOR A PRIVATE OFFICE TO STAY IN THE CITY ROOM... SAID HE DIDN'T WANT TO BE THAT FAR FROM THE WATER COOLER."



"HE LOVED TO TRADE BAD JOES WITH THE OTHERS. I NEVER HEARD HIM TELL ONE THAT WAS INSULTING OR OFF-COLOR, THOUGH."

"BENEATH THE SURFACE, HE WAS STILL A KANSAS FARM-BOY, BUT HE NEVER CAME ACROSS AS A HICK... HE WAS JUST SO DARNED SINCERE!"



"IT'S HARD TO IMAGINE THE DAILY PLANET WITHOUT HIS SMILING FACE, THAT SLY GRIN OF HIS IS..."



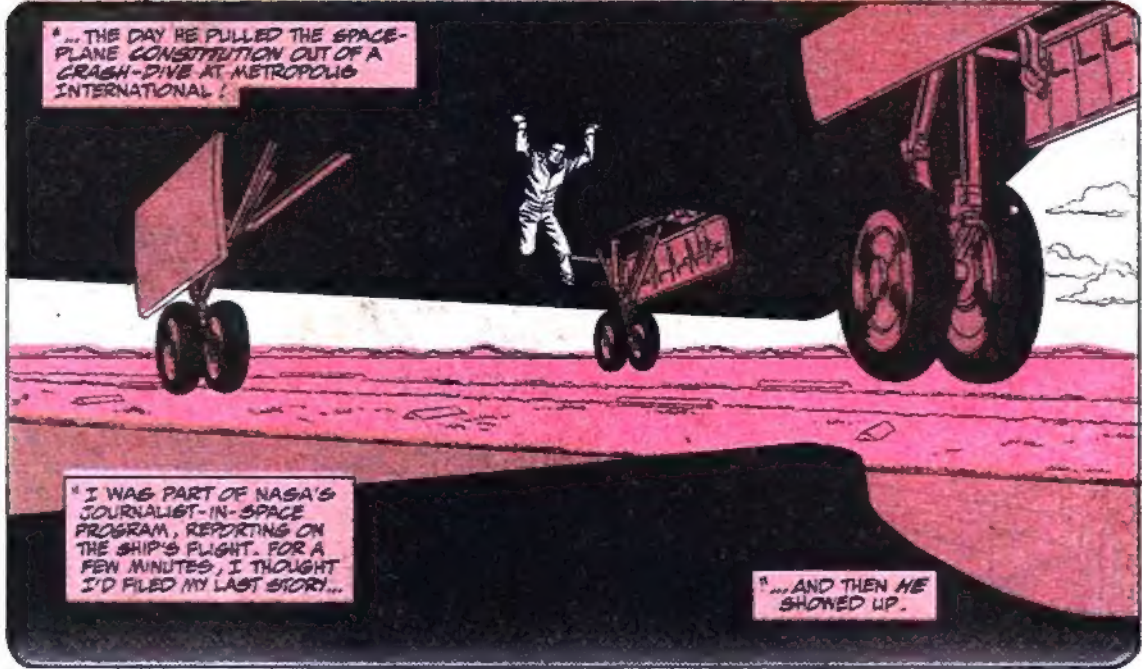
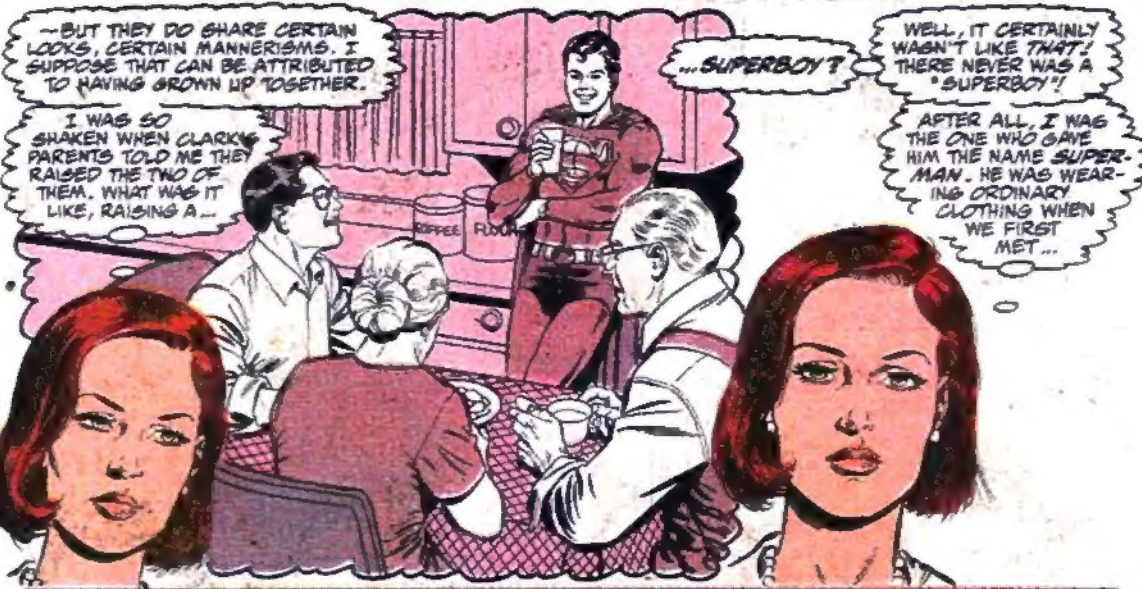
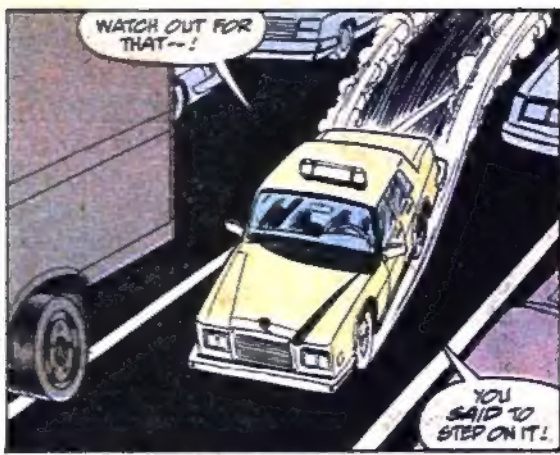
"...ONE OF A KIND..."



...OR IS IT?



WHAT IN THE--?



"I KNEW I'D FOUND THE STORY REPORTERS DREAM OF, AND I WASN'T ABOUT TO LET HIM GET AWAY..."

HOLD IT RIGHT THERE, BUSTER!!

HE STOPPED...

"...AND THEN I STOPPED. I DON'T IMPRESS EASILY—I'D JUST GOTTEN BACK FROM A FLIGHT ON THE EDGE OF SPACE—BUT THERE WAS SOMETHING ABOUT HIM. FOR A MOMENT, I COULDN'T SAY ANOTHER WORD..."

"THEN, FROM OUT OF NOWHERE, THE ACES CLOSED IN AROUND US. HE BOLTED AWAY, AND I WAS LEFT WITH A STORY ABOUT A MYSTERY MAN... A SUPERMAN!"

DAYS LATER, WHEN HE SHOWED UP IN COSTUME AND CAPE, THAT WAS THE NAME HE ANSWERED TO.

EVERY TIME I THINK BACK TO THAT DAY, I CAN'T HELP BUT WONDER WHAT WOULD HAVE BEEN SAID, HOW THINGS WOULD HAVE BEEN DIFFERENT, IF NOT FOR THAT CROWD.

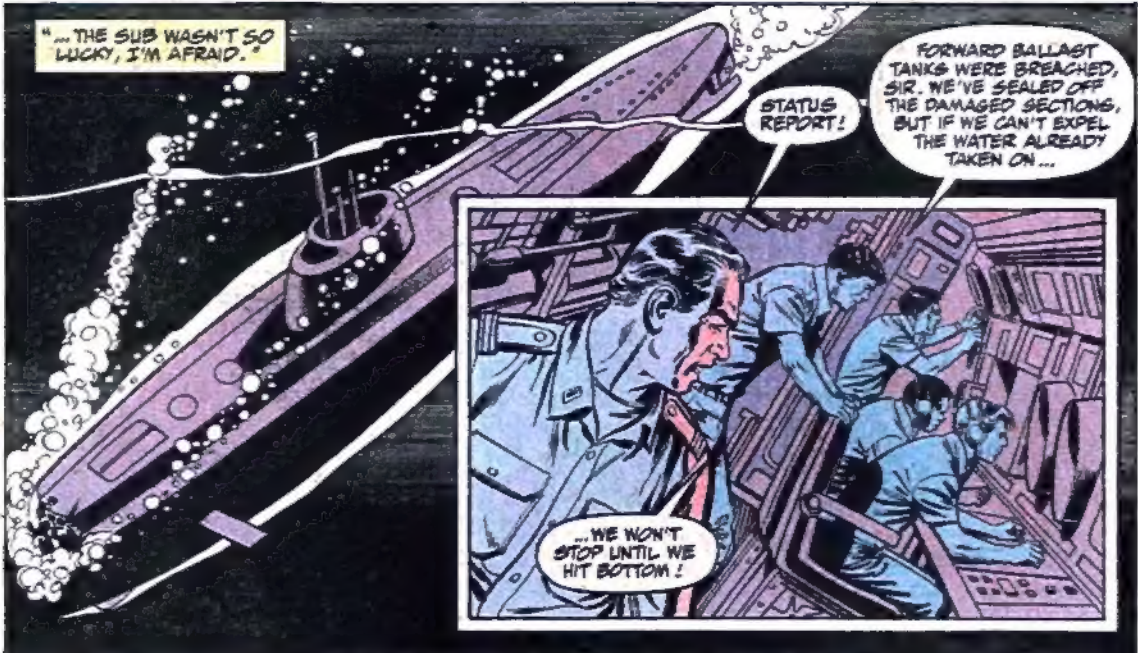
OKAY, FOLKS, HERE WE ARE!

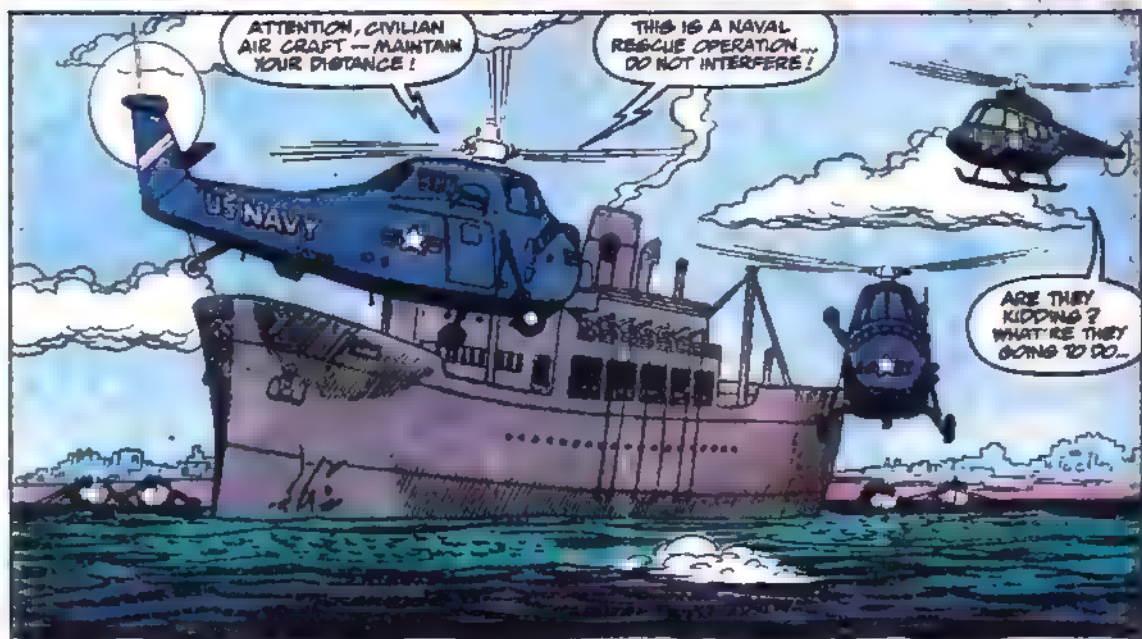
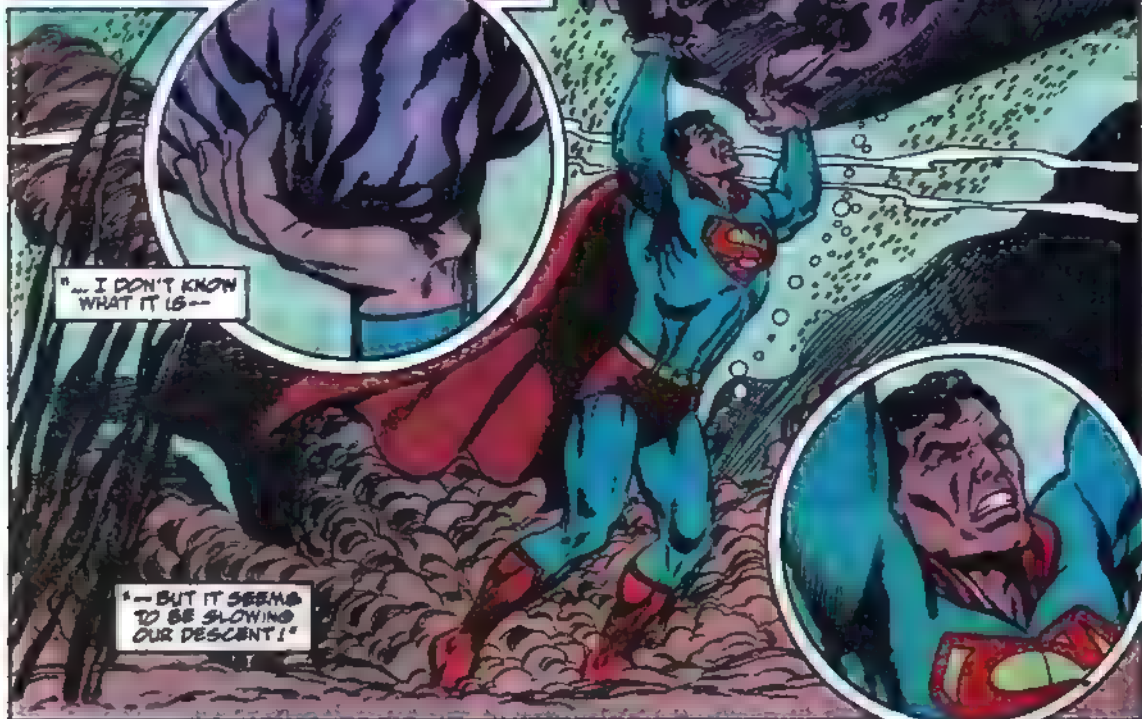
SIX-FIFTY... WITHOUT TIP.

MAGELROY, PAY THE MAN!

LEVIN, YOU COME WITH LANE AND ME!

LET'S GET THIS BIRD INTO THE AIR...







SEND
FROGMEN
DOWN TO
RAISE THE
SUB?

IT'S DON'T
LOOK NOW--



"-- BUT SOMETHING IS BRINGING IT TO THE
SURFACE! AND I HAVE A FEELING I KNOW
WHO!"

I'VE FUSED
THE DAMAGE AS
BEST I CAN! IT'S
NOT PERFECT, BUT
YOU SHOULD BE
ABLE TO MAKE
PORT!

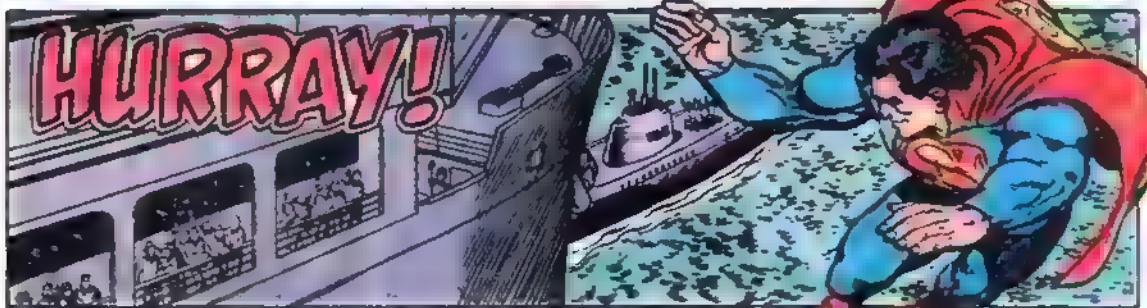
THREE CHEERS
FOR SUPERMAN!
HIP-HIP--

HURRAY!

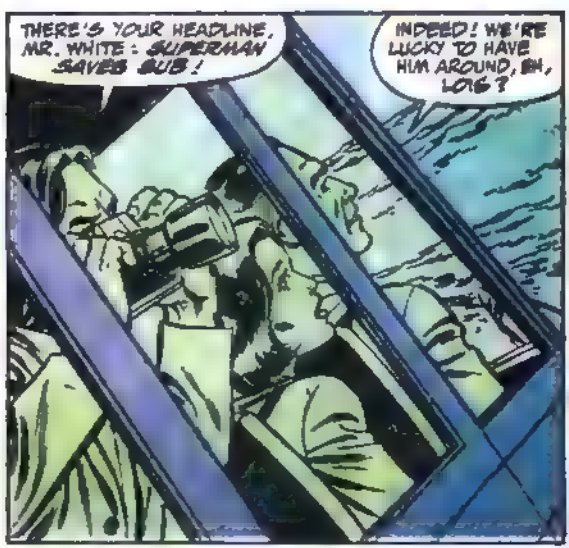
HIP-HIP--

HURRAY!

HIP-HIP--



HURRAY!



THERE'S YOUR HEADLINE,
MR. WHITE: **SUPERMAN
SAVES SUB!**

INDEED! WE'RE
LUCKY TO HAVE
HIM AROUND, EH,
LOIS?



YES... WE
ARE... WE
SURELY
ARE.

(UPON THAT
WORLD
DWELL ALL
WHO LOVE
AND CHERISH
HIM.)

(I HEARD HE
DISAPPEARED
AFTER THE
GAMES BROKE
UP. HOW DO YA
KNOW FOR SURE
HE WENT BACK
THERE?)

< IN MY TRAVELS I LOCATED AN ARENA CELLKEEPER WHO HAD BEEN ENDED SUPERMAN IN DEFIANCE OF MONGUL. HE CONFIRMED THAT THE KRYPTONIAN HAD RETURNED TO EARTH. >

< I RECOVERED WHAT I COULD OF MY Foe'S RAIMENT. I WEAR IT AS A TOTEM OF THE ONE I MUST OVERCOME. >

< NOW YOU KNOW WHY I MUST JOURNEY TO EARTH. HONOR DEMANDS IT! >



< PARDON ME FOR BUTTIN' IN, BUT ARE YOU SURE YOU KNOW WHAT YOU'RE GETTIN' INTO? >

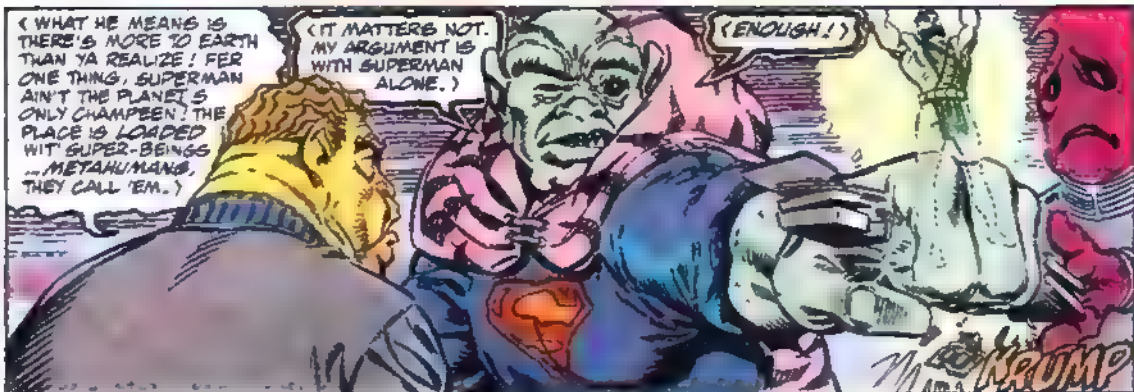
< WHAT DO YOU MEAN? >



< WHAT HE MEANS IS THERE'S MORE TO EARTH THAN YA REALIZE! FER ONE THING, SUPERMAN AIN'T THE PLANET'S ONLY CHAMPION! THE PLACE IS LOADED WIT SUPER-BEINGS... METAHUMANS, THEY CALL 'EM. >

< IT MATTERS NOT. MY ARGUMENT IS WITH SUPERMAN ALONE. >

< ENOUGH! >



< I DUNNO... A COUPLA KHUND WARRIDERS CAME BY HERE HALF AN ORBIT BACK, AND ACCORDIN' TO THEM, EARTH'S HEROES HAD REPELLED AN ENTIRE INVASION ARMADA! IT COULD BE A RISKY WORLD TO VISIT! >

< YOUR RISKS WILL BE WELL COMPENSATED. >

< UH... IT'S ALSO RUMORED THAT DARKSEID HAS AN INTEREST IN THE EARTH! >

< EVEN IF IT MEANS BRAVING THE WRATH OF DARKSEID HIMSELF, I MUST CONFRONT SUPERMAN ON HIS OWN WORLD! >

< HEY, YA DON'T SUPPOSE ALL OF THOSE EARTH HEROES HANG OUT IN THAT SAME CITY... THAT... WHAT'S IT CALLED? >



Metropolis

Fly LEXAIR
Only 1 Hour to
Metropolis

"I THINK
THAT
UNLIKELY..."

I TELL YOU,
IT WAS THE MOST
AMAZING RACE OF
ALL TIME...

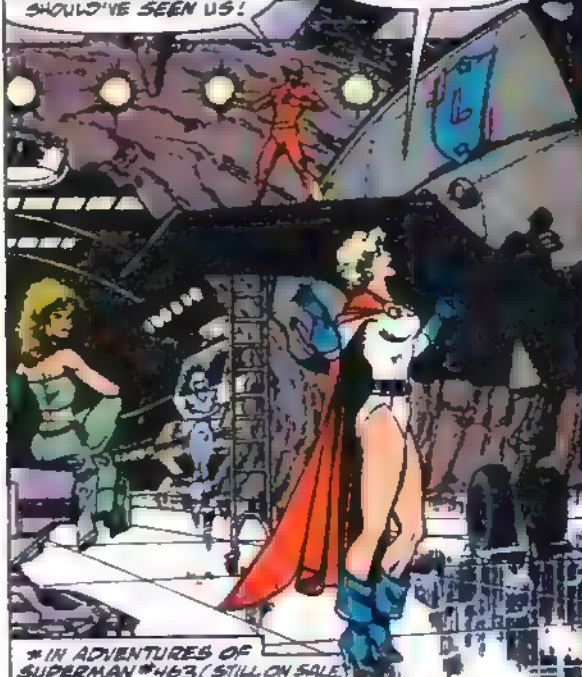
FLY LEXAIR
1 Hour to
Metropolis

...SUPERMAN AND ME--
AROUND THE WORLD! WE
WERE NECK AND NECK
MOST OF THE WAY - YOU
SHOULD'VE SEEN US!

WE DID SEE YOU,
WEST! IT WAS
TELEVISED,
REMEMBER?*

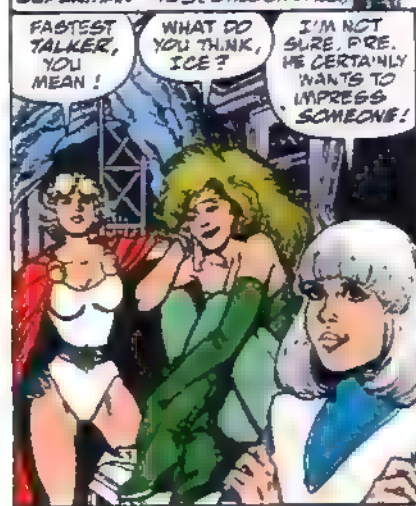
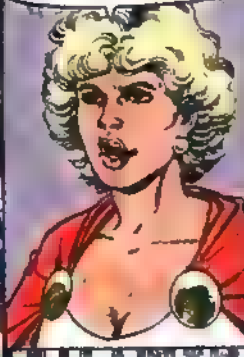
OH... YEAH... BUT
THAT'S NOT THE
SAME AS BEING
THERE, POWER
GIRL!

AND I BEAT HIM!
I BEAT SUPER-
MAN! NOTHING
CAN TOP THAT,
KARA!



WALLY, YOU WERE RUN-
NING UNDER CONDITIONS
SET UP BY MR. MAXYP-
TAK! I'D HARDLY CALL
IT A FAIR RACE!

IT WAS ACCORDING TO
SUPERMAN! HE SAID I WON
FAIR AND SQUARE! THE
FASTEST MAN ALIVE--
THAT'S ME!



FASTEST
TALKER,
YOU
MEAN!

WHAT DO
YOU THINK,
ICE?

I'M NOT
SURE, PRE.
HE CERTAINLY
WANTS TO
IMPRESS
SOMEONE!



HEY, I
WON HANDS
DOWN!

I RAN THAT
OLD MAN OF STEEL
RAGGED!



I DO NOT
DISPUTE YOUR
VICTORY,
FLASH...

HUH?!



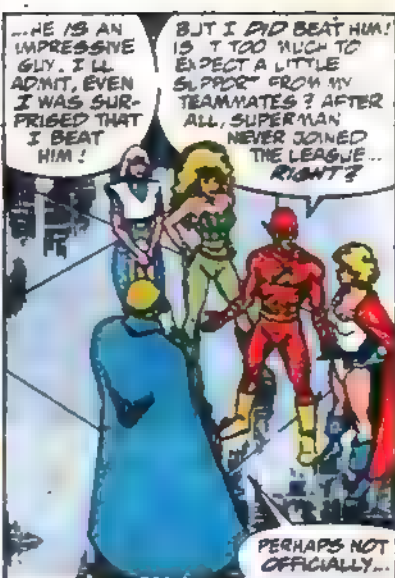
...BUT TO BELITTLE SUPERMAN
IN ORDER TO BUILD YOURSELF
UP IS UNNECESSARY... AND
UNBECOMING A MEMBER OF
JUSTICE LEAGUE
INTERNATIONAL!

I... I... I'M
SORRY,
J'ONN.



ONE GUY
GARDNER IN OUR
ORGANIZATION
IS QUITE
ENOUGH.

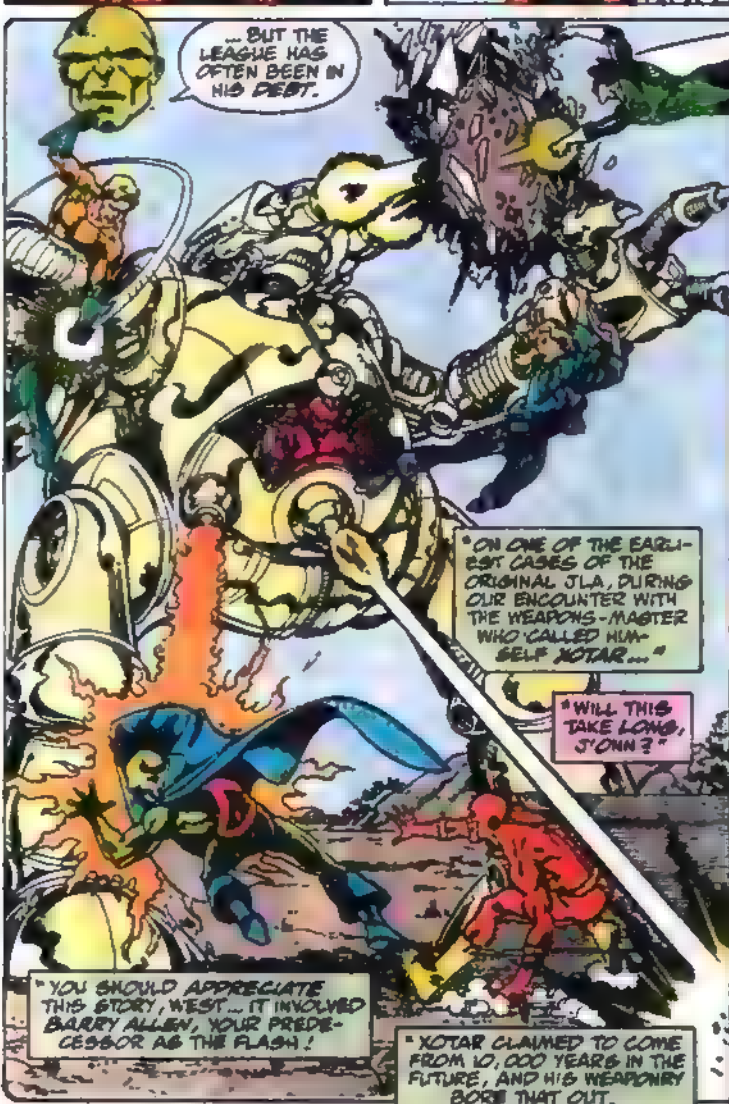
I DON'T
MEAN TO PUT
THE MAN
DOWN...



...HE IS AN
IMPRESSIVE
GUY. I'LL
ADMIT, EVEN
I WAS SUR-
PRISED THAT
I BEAT
HIM!

BUT I DID BEAT HIM!
IS IT TOO MUCH TO
EXPECT A LITTLE
SUPPORT FROM MY
TEAMMATES? AFTER
ALL, SUPERMAN
NEVER JOINED
THE LEAGUE...
RIGHT?

PERHAPS NOT
OFFICIALLY...



...BUT THE
LEAGUE HAS
OFTEN BEEN IN
HIS DEBT.

"ON ONE OF THE EARLI-
EST CASES OF THE
ORIGINAL JLA, DURING
OUR ENCOUNTER WITH
THE WEAPONS-MASTER
WHO CALLED HIM-
SELF XOTAR..."

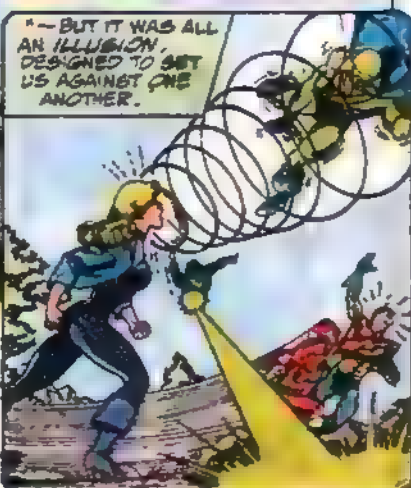
"WILL THIS
TAKE LONG,
J'ONN?"

"YOU SHOULD APPRECIATE
THIS STORY, WEST... IT INVOLVED
BARRY ALLEN, YOUR PREDE-
CESSOR AS THE FLASH!"

"XOTAR CLAIMED TO COME
FROM 10,000 YEARS IN THE
FUTURE, AND HIS WEAPONRY
BORE THAT OUT."



"ONE OF HIS DEVICES
APPEARED TO TRANSPORT
US TO ANOTHER WORLD.
WHERE WE WERE
ATTACKED BY
HOSTILE BEASTS—"



"...BUT IT WAS ALL
AN ILLUSION,
DESIGNED TO SET
US AGAINST ONE
ANOTHER."

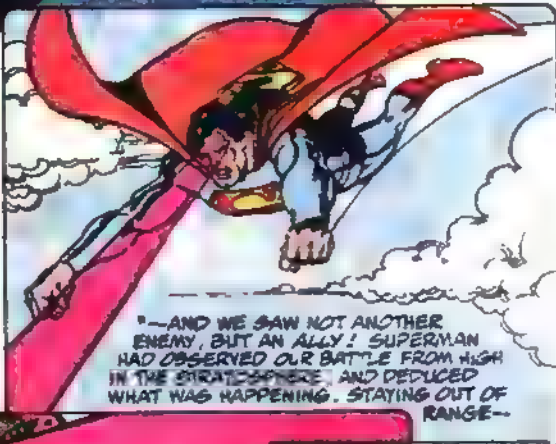


"WE WERE BATTLING FOR OUR LIVES -- AGAINST OUR OWN TEAMMATES! WE MIGHT VERY WELL HAVE KILLED EACH OTHER, IF NOT FOR THE SUDDEN APPEARANCE OF ANOTHER PLAYER!"

LOOK-- UP IN THE SKY!



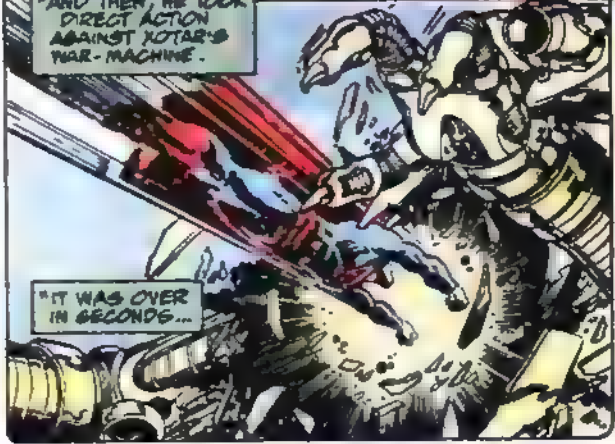
"IT HAD THE APPEARANCE OF AN IMMENSE EAGLE -- LARGER, MORE MAJESTIC THAN ANY TERRESTRIAL BIRD, SNOOPING IN FOR THE KILL! BUT THEN THE ILLUSION FELL --



"--AND WE SAW NOT ANOTHER ENEMY, BUT AN ALLY! SUPERMAN HAD OBSERVED OUR BATTLE FROM HIGH IN THE STRATOSPHERE, AND DEDUCED WHAT WAS HAPPENING. STAYING OUT OF RANGE--

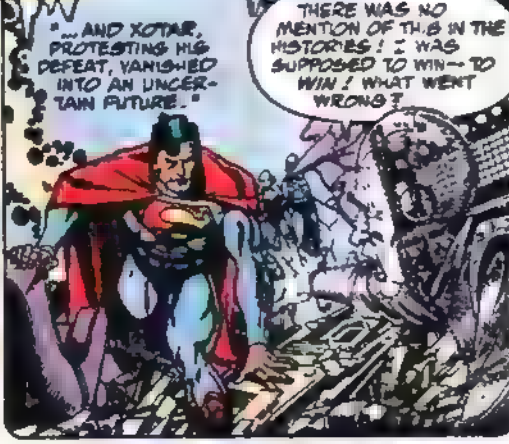


"--HE USED HIS REMARKABLE HEAT VISION TO DESTROY THE MIND-NUMBING ILLUSION-MAKER.



"AND THEN, HE TOOK DIRECT ACTION AGAINST XOTAR'S MIND-MACHINE.

"IT WAS OVER IN SECONDS..."



"...AND XOTAR, PROTESTING HIS DEFEAT, VANISHED INTO AN UNCERTAIN FUTURE."

THERE WAS NO MENTION OF T.H.B. IN THE HISTORIES! -- WAS SUPPOSED TO WIN -- TO WIN! WHAT WENT WRONG?



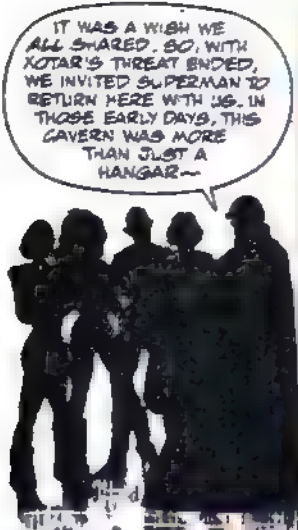
THAT WAS GREAT!

SUPERMAN, THIS IS A REAL PLEASURE!

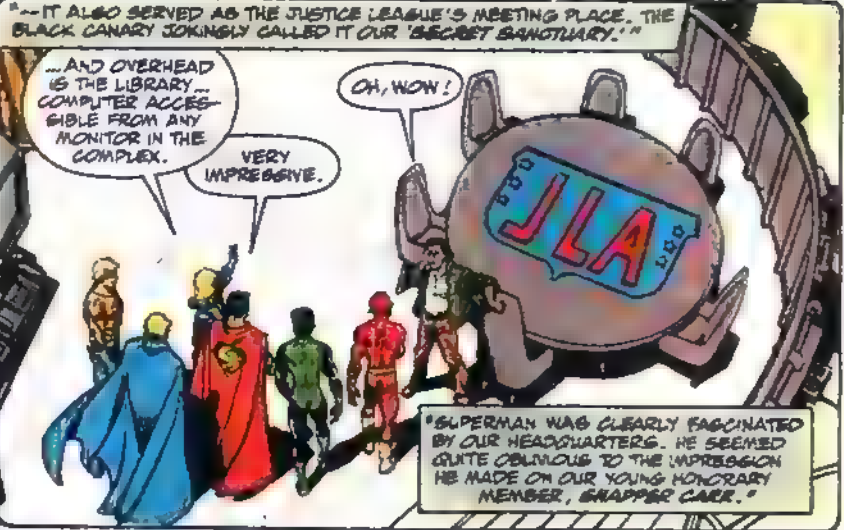
THE PLEASURE'S MINE, FLASH!

THIS JUSTICE LEAGUE HAS MADE A LOT OF NEWS IN THE PAST FEW WEEKS--

--I'M GLAD I FINALLY GOT THE CHANCE TO MEET YOU. I JUST WISH IT COULD HAVE BEEN UNDER MORE SOCIABLE CIRCUMSTANCES.



IT WAS A WISH WE ALL SHARED. SO, WITH KOTAR'S THREAT ENDED, WE INVITED SUPERMAN TO RETURN HERE WITH US. IN THOSE EARLY DAYS, THIS CAVERN WAS MORE THAN JUST A HANGAR--

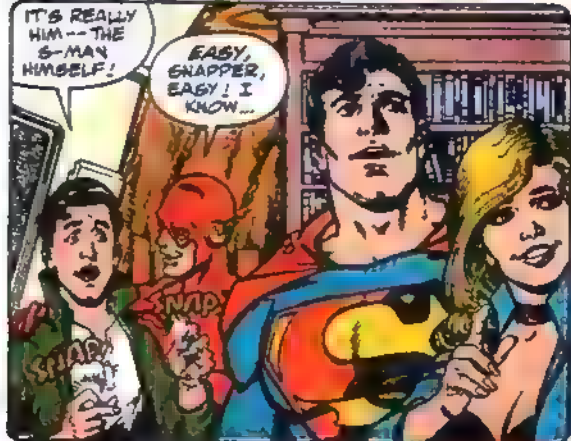


--IT ALSO SERVED AS THE JUSTICE LEAGUE'S MEETING PLACE. THE BLACK CANARY JOKINGLY CALLED IT OUR 'SECRET SANCTUARY.'

OH, WOW!

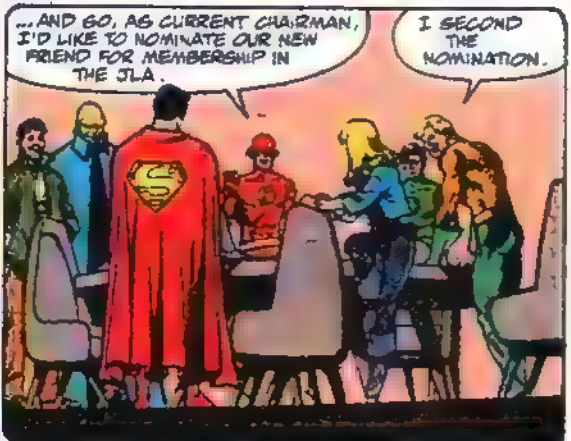
VERY IMPRESSIVE.

"SUPERMAN WAS CLEARLY FASCINATED BY OUR HEADQUARTERS. HE SEEMED QUITE OBVIOUS TO THE IMPRESSION HE MADE ON OUR YOUNG HONORARY MEMBER, SNAPPER CARR."



IT'S REALLY HIM--THE S-MAN HIMSELF!

EASY, SNAPPER, EASY! I KNOW...



...AND SO, AS CURRENT CHAIRMAN, I'D LIKE TO NOMINATE OUR NEW FRIEND FOR MEMBERSHIP IN THE JLA.

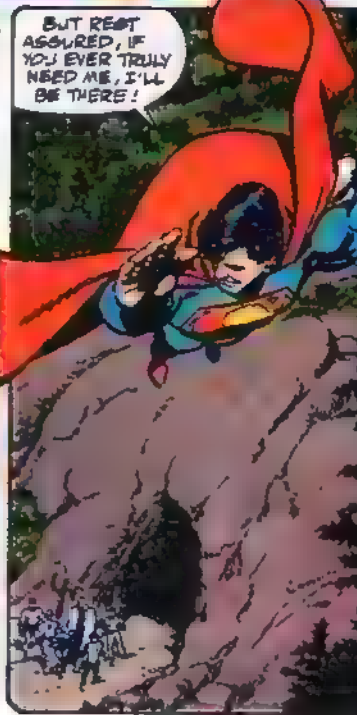
I SECOND THE NOMINATION.



FLASH... AQUAMAN... I'M VERY FLATTERED, AND I'D BE HONORED TO JOIN... IF I COULD DEVOTE THE TIME TO THE LEAGUE THAT MEMBERSHIP DEMANDS.

BUT MY TIME IS NOT MY OWN.

I'M AFRAID I CANNOT ACCEPT YOUR NOMINATION.



BUT REST ASSURED, IF YOU EVER TRULY NEED ME, I'LL BE THERE!



ARE YOU KIDDING? MY TIME IS NOT MY OWN. "I CANNOT ACCEPT..." WHAT A SHOB!

FIRE!

WELL, IT SOUNDS TO ME LIKE HE WAS REALLY FULL OF HIMSELF!

YOU ARE WRONG, FIRE. A MAN SUCH AS SUPERMAN HAS MANY COMMITMENTS... NO DOUBT MORE THAN ANY OF US UAGHINE.

AND HE WAS AS GOOD AS HIS WORD...

...IN TIMES OF GREATEST
NEED, SUPERMAN HAS
NEVER LET US DOWN.

"... A COSMIC VAMPIRE WHO
LEECHED THE LIFE ENERGIES OF
ENTIRE WORLDS. NOT EVEN THE
GREEN LANTERN CORPS HAD
BEEN ABLE TO STOP H.M. OUR
MIGHTIEST MEMBERS WERE AS
NOTHING TO HIM.

I KNOW THAT
WHEN STARBREAKER
THREATENED EARTH, THE
LEAGUE WAS SORELY
TRIED. STARBREAKER
WAS A DEVIL IN HUMAN-
OID FORM...

"BUT SUPERMAN WAS
THERE TO BOLSTER OUR
FORCES! SOMEHOW
HE STOOD UP TO
STARBREAKER'S
UNHOLY POWER,
REFUSING TO
YIELD.

"HE GAVE US THE TIME WE
NEEDED TO RECOVER,
REGROUP. WITH HIS HELP,
THE LEAGUE FINALLY ENDED
STARBREAKER'S REIGN
OF TERROR!

"AND WHEN THE ANTAREAN
TYRANT KANTAR RO THREAT-
ENED THE WORLDS OF ALPHA
CENTAURI, SUPERMAN WENT
WITH US TO THE PLANET
RANK TO HELP ADAM
STRANGE QUASH
RO'S THREAT!

"WITHOUT SUPERMAN, WHO
CAN SAY WHAT THE OUT-
COME MIGHT HAVE BEEN?"

BARRY TOLD ME ABOUT THAT MISSION ONCE. I RECALL...

... HE ALWAYS SAID... HE FELT PRIVILEGED JUST TO BE LIVING IN THE SAME TIME AS SUPERMAN.

IT AS A PRIVILEGE. I MEAN, I OWE HIM MY LIFE -- IF HE HADN'T BEEN THERE TO ASSIST THE DOCTOR. * I WOULDN'T BE HERE -- BUT WE ALL OWE HIM SO MUCH!

BARRY ALLEN MUST HAVE MEANT A GREAT DEAL TO WALLY.

* IN JUSTICE LEAGUE EUROPE # 9.

I FIRST MET SUPERMAN ON THE WAY TO A JLA/JSA GET-TOGETHER. IN THOSE DAYS, I WAS A SORT OF 2ND-GENERATION MEMBER OF THE JUSTICE SOCIETY, AND I DIDN'T IMPRESS EASILY...

... BUT THAT DAY HAD MY HEAD SPINNING!

BEFORE WE COULD REACH THE FESTIVITIES, DOCTOR FATE AND I WERE INTERCEPTED -- ALONG WITH SUPERMAN, GREEN LANTERN, FIRESTORM, AND THE BATMAN.

WE WERE ALL DRAWN AWAY FROM EARTH AND ACROSS THE COSMOS.

I AM WHY, DOCTOR. I AM METRON.

THERE HAS BEEN A DRAKY SHIF IN THE STRUGGLE BETWEEN THIS WORLD AND THAT OF APOCALYPS.

YOU HAVE BEEN CHOSEN TO GET THINGS ARIGHT!

"I'M STILL NOT CLEAR ON WHY WE WERE CHOSEN, BUT WE FOUND OURSELVES JOINING FORCES WITH ORION, MR. MIRACLE, BARDIA, AND OBERON —

"— IN THE FIGHT OF OUR LIVES AGAINST THE PARADIMON HORDES OF APOCALYPSE!

"AND NO ONE, NOT EVEN ORION, FOUGHT HARDER THAN SUPERMAN!

"THAT BATTLE TOOK PLACE BEFORE HE LEARNED OF HIS KRYPTONIAN PARENTAGE. I SOMETIMES WONDER IF HE SUSPECTED THAT HIS ORIGINS MIGHT TRACE BACK TO NEW GENESIS...

"STILL, HE'S FOUGHT SO HARD FOR SO MANY CAUSES. WHAT-EVER DROVE HIM ON, SUPERMAN WAS AT THE FOREFRONT OF THAT BATTLE... AND IT WENT ON FOR DAYS!

"IN THE END, BALANCE WAS RESTORED... BUT APOKALIPS REMAINED UNDER THE CONTROL OF DARKSEID. DESPITE ALL OUR POWER, WE COULDN'T TRULY DEFEAT HIM."



"I'M NOT SURPRISED! WE SPENT JUST A FEW HOURS ON APOKALIPS, * AND IT SEEMED LIKE DAYS."

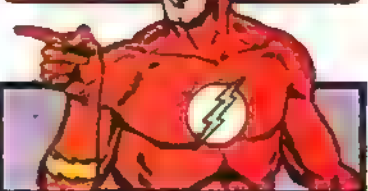


"YES! COUNT YOURSELF LUCKY THAT YOU NEVER HAD TO FACE DARKSEID, WALLY!"

"HEY, I'VE FACED SOME PRETTY BIG THREATS TOO, YOU KNOW..."

JLI # 21.

"...WITH THE TITANS! TRIGON WOULD'VE DESTROYED THE EARTH IF IT HADN'T BEEN FOR US... WE STOPPED HIM! GOLD! MAYBE YOU SHOULD HAVE CALLED ON US TO STOP DARKSEID!"



"THE TITANS?! YOU MEAN THE TEEN TITANS?!? GIVE ME A BREAK!"



"I'VE NEVER EVEN HEARD OF TRIGON! I BET HE'S A BIG WIMP COMPARED TO DARKSEID!"



"WIMP?!? WHAT ARE YOU SAYING--?!"

"COULD YOU CONTINUE THIS ON YOUR OWN TIME? WE WERE SUPPOSED TO GO OVER THE OPERATION OF OUR NEW SHUTTLE... REMEMBER?"

"UH, YEAH... RIGHT."



"OKAY, J'ONN, LEAD ON..."

"CHIN UP, FLASH. YOU AND FIRE WOULD NEVER HAVE WORKED OUT AS A COUPLE ANYWAY... YOU'RE TOO MUCH ALIKE."

"WAS I THAT OBVIOUS?"

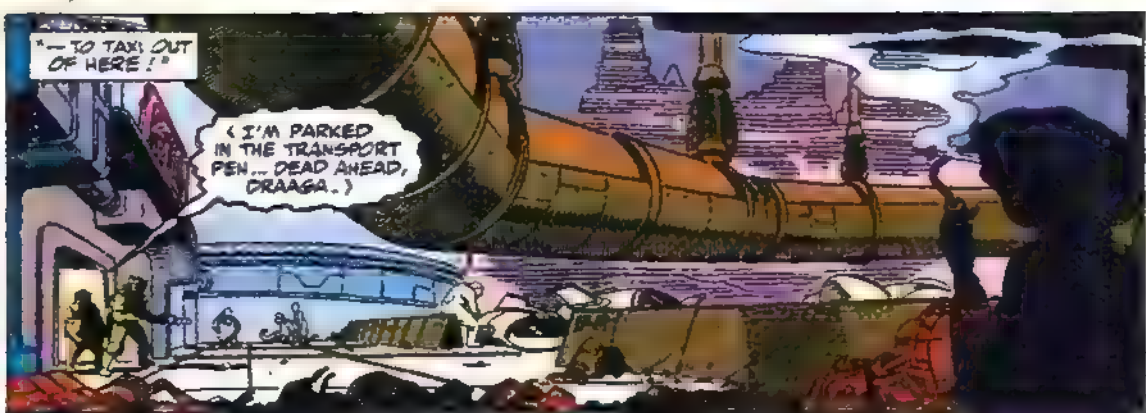


"UH-HUH..."

"ALL RIGHT... EVERYONE PAY CLOSE ATTENTION..."

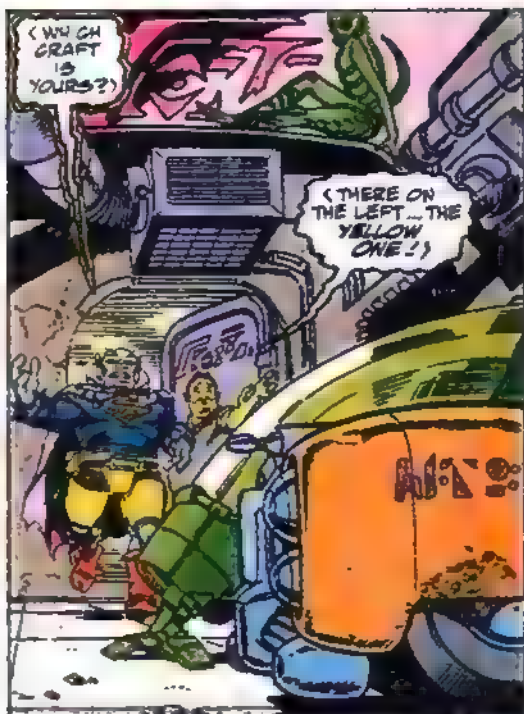


"... AFTER WE REVIEW TAKEOFF PROCEDURE YOU LL EACH GET A CHANCE..."



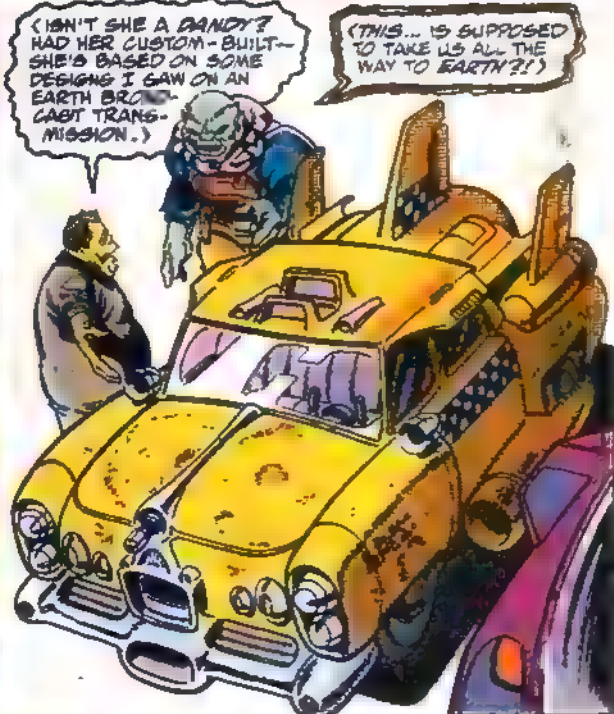
"-- TO TAXI OUT
OF HERE!"

"(I'M PARKED
IN THE TRANSPORT
PEN... DEAD AHEAD,
DRAAGA.)"



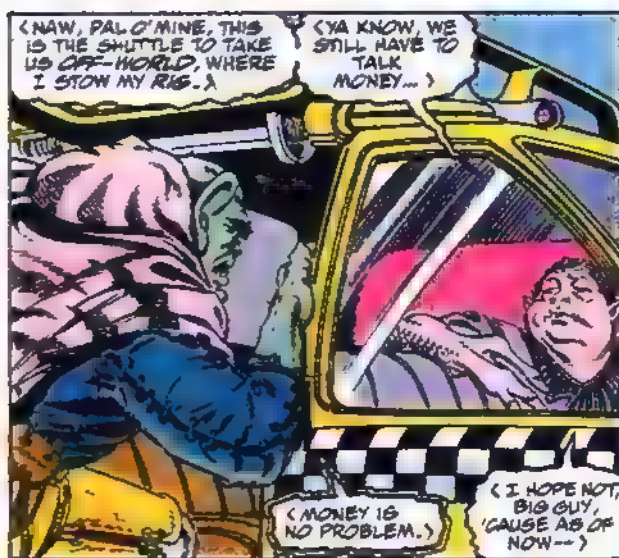
"(WHICH CRAFT
IS YOURS?)"

"(THERE ON
THE LEFT... THE
YELLOW
ONE!)"



"(ISN'T SHE A DANDY?
HAD HER CUSTOM-BUILT--
SHE'S BASED ON SOME
DESIGNS I SAW ON AN
EARTH BROTHERHOOD
CAST TRANSMISSION.)"

"(THIS... IS SUPPOSED
TO TAKE US ALL THE
WAY TO EARTH?!)"

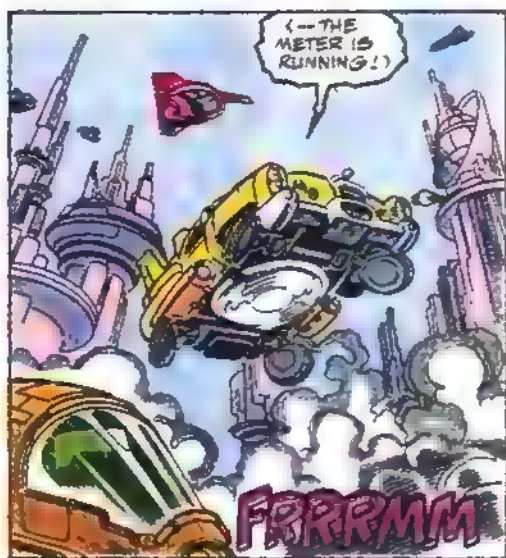


"(NAW, PAL O' MINE, THIS
IS THE SHUTTLE TO TAKE
US OFF-WORLD, WHERE
I STOW MY RIG.)"

"(Y'KNOW, WE
STILL HAVE TO
TALK
MONEY...)"

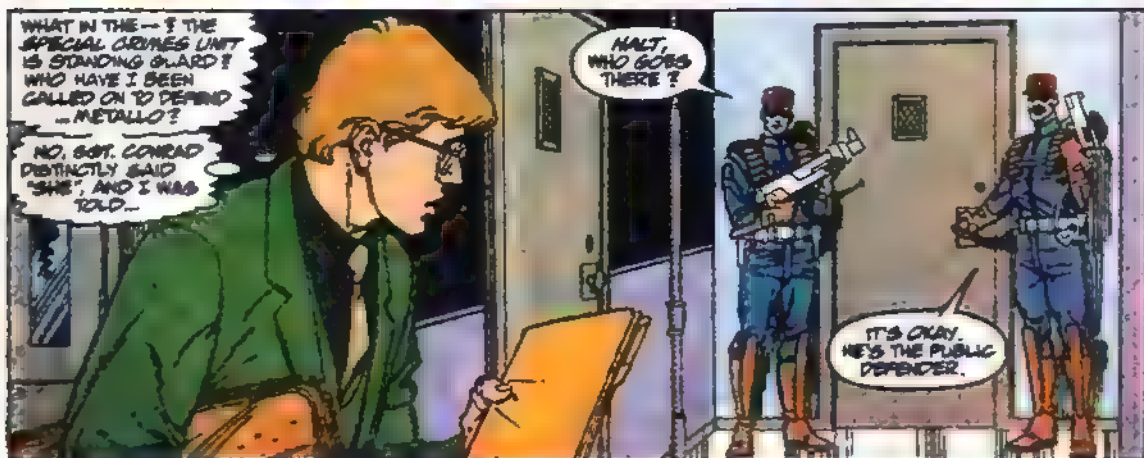
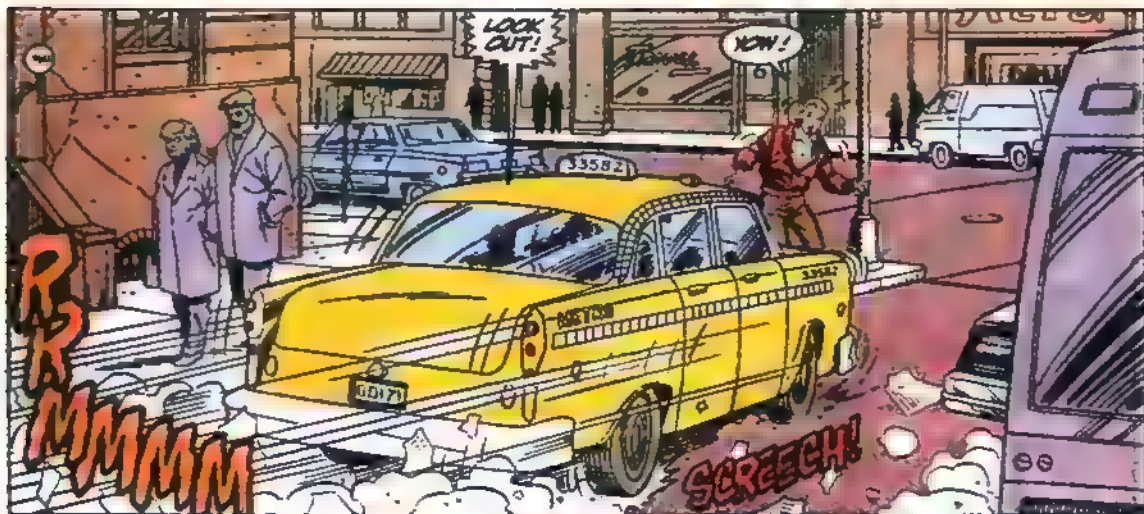
"(MONEY IS
NO PROBLEM.)"

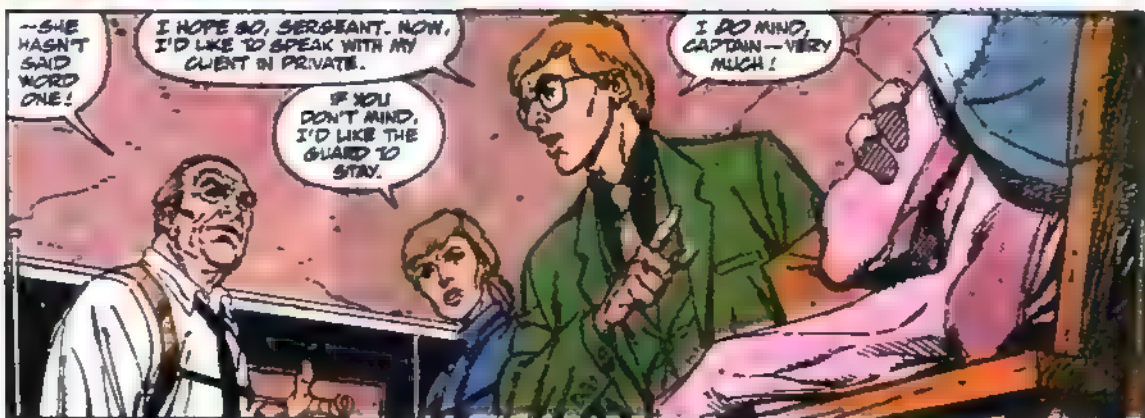
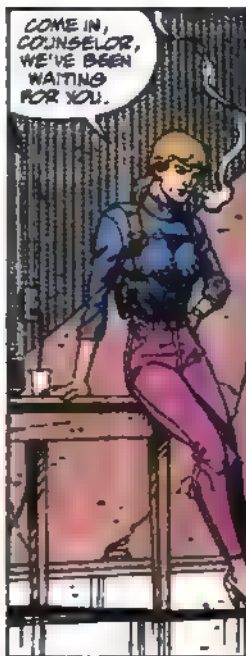
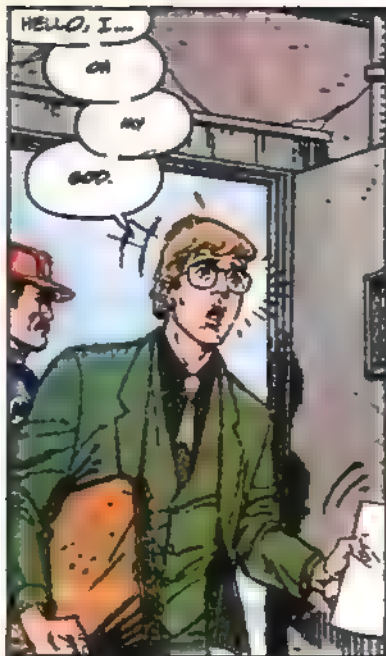
"(I HOPE NOT,
BIG GUY,
'CAUSE AS OF
NOW--)"



"(-- THE
METER IS
RUNNING!)"

FRRRMM

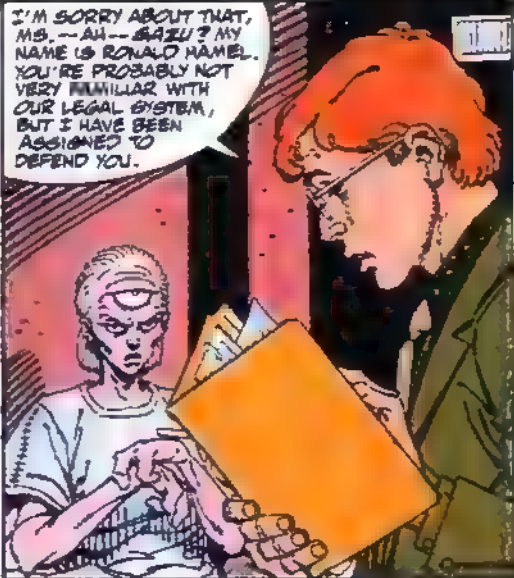




ALL RIGHT, IF THAT'S THE WAY YOU WANT IT. BUT WE'LL BE WAITING RIGHT OUTSIDE.

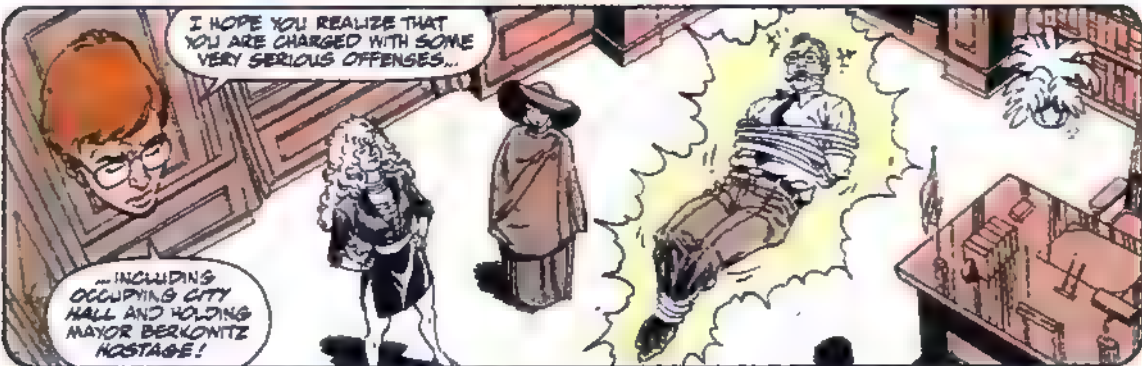


I'M SORRY ABOUT THAT, MS. -- AH -- SAZU? MY NAME IS RONALD NAME. YOU'RE PROBABLY NOT VERY FAMILIAR WITH OUR LEGAL SYSTEM, BUT I HAVE BEEN ASSIGNED TO DEFEND YOU.

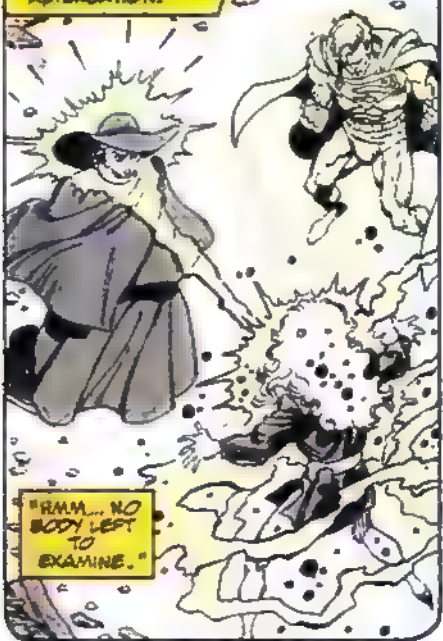


I HOPE YOU REALIZE THAT YOU ARE CHARGED WITH SOME VERY SERIOUS OFFENSES...

...INCLUDING OCCUPYING CITY HALL AND HOLDING MAYOR BERKOWITZ HOSTAGE!



*YOU ARE ALSO ACCUSED OF KILLING YOUR ACCOPLICE, A WOMAN IDENTIFIED ONLY AS MAXIMA, IN THE MIST OF SOME ALTERCATION.



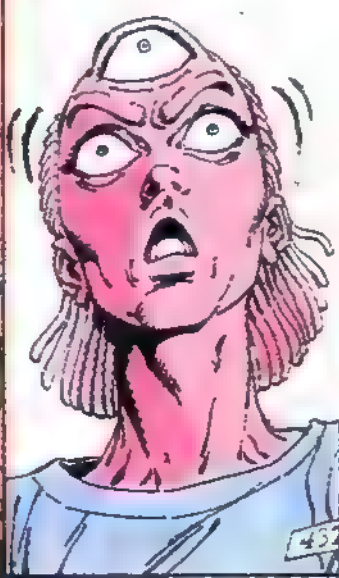
"HMM... NO BODY LEFT TO EXAMINE."

THIS WILL NOT BE AN EASY CASE, SAZU. I'LL NEED YOUR FULL COOPERATION. THERE ARE A DOORE OF REPUTABLE WITNESSES WHO THE PROSECUTOR WILL CALL...

...THE MAYOR, OF COURSE... SUPERMAN...



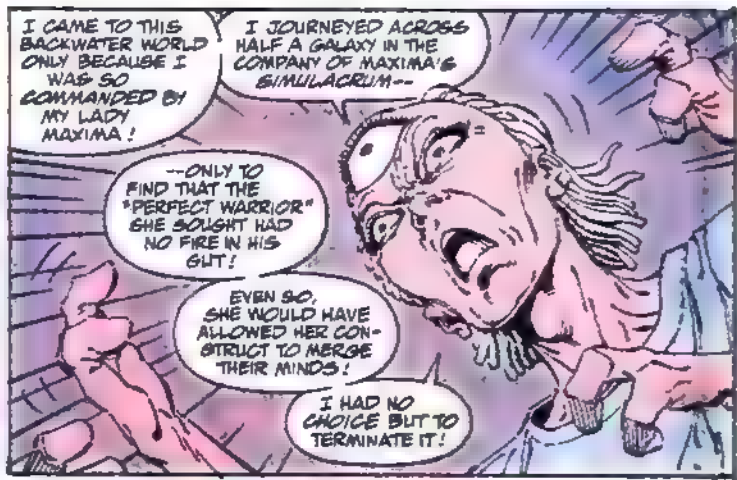
SUPERMAN!?!





DO NOT MENTION HIS NAME AGAIN IN MY PRESENCE! IT'S BECAUSE OF THAT WEAKLING THAT I'VE FALLEN TO SUCH A STATE!

I--I BEG YOUR PARDON?



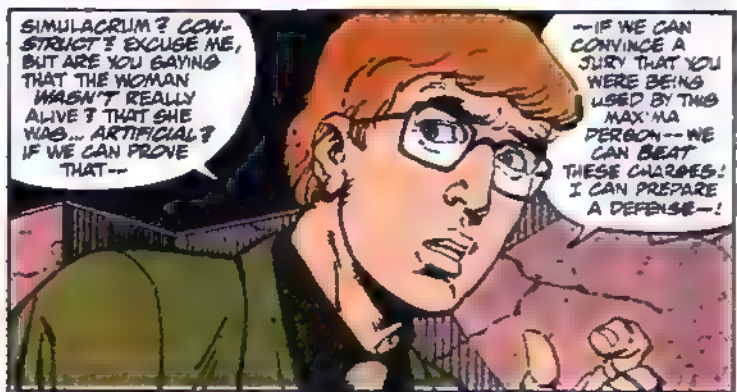
I CAME TO THIS BACKWATER WORLD ONLY BECAUSE I WAS SO COMMANDED BY MY LADY MAXIMA!

I JOURNEYED ACROSS HALF A GALAXY IN THE COMPANY OF MAXIMA'S SIMULACRUM--

--ONLY TO FIND THAT THE "PERFECT WARRIOR" SHE SOUGHT HAD NO FIRE IN HIS GUT!

EVEN SO, SHE WOULD HAVE ALLOWED HER CONSTRUCT TO MERGE THEIR MINDS!

I HAD NO CHOICE BUT TO TERMINATE IT!



SIMULACRUM? CONSTRUCT? EXCUSE ME, BUT ARE YOU SAYING THAT THE WOMAN WASN'T REALLY ALIVE? THAT SHE WAS... ARTIFICIAL? IF WE CAN PROVE THAT--

--IF WE CAN CONVINCE A JURY THAT YOU WERE BEING USED BY THIS MAX'MA PERSON--WE CAN BEAT THESE CHARGES! I CAN PREPARE A DEFENSE--!

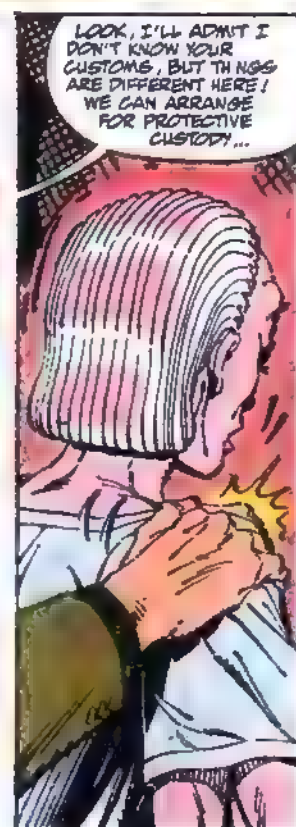


THERE IS NO DEFENSE. MY LIFE IS ALREADY FORGOT.

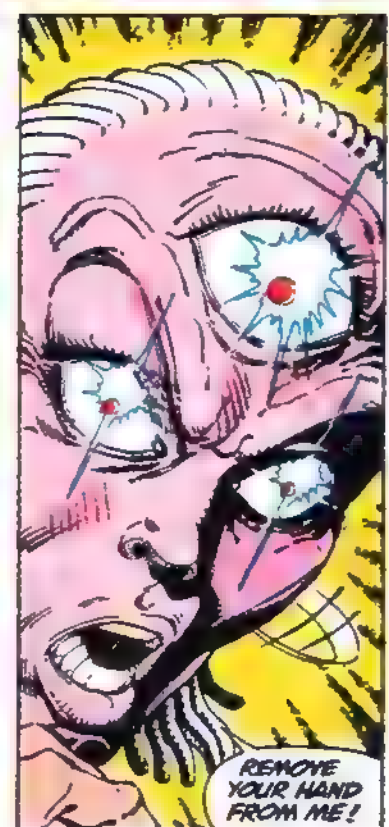
WHAT DO YOU MEAN?

TO DEFEY MY LADY MAXIMA IS TO COURT DEATH.

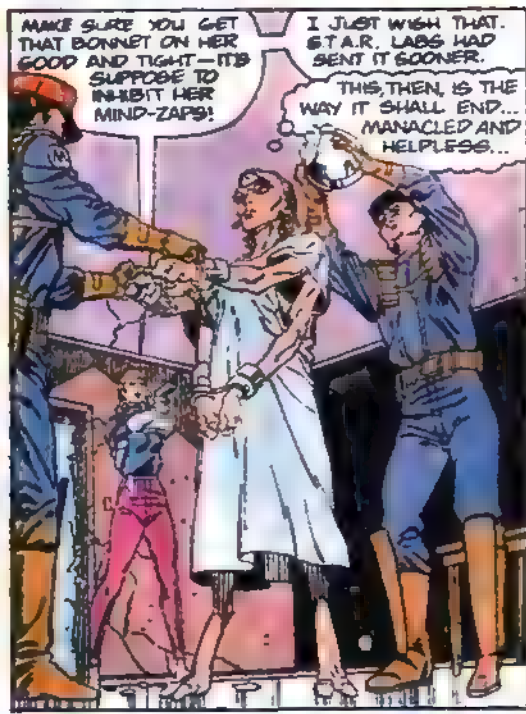
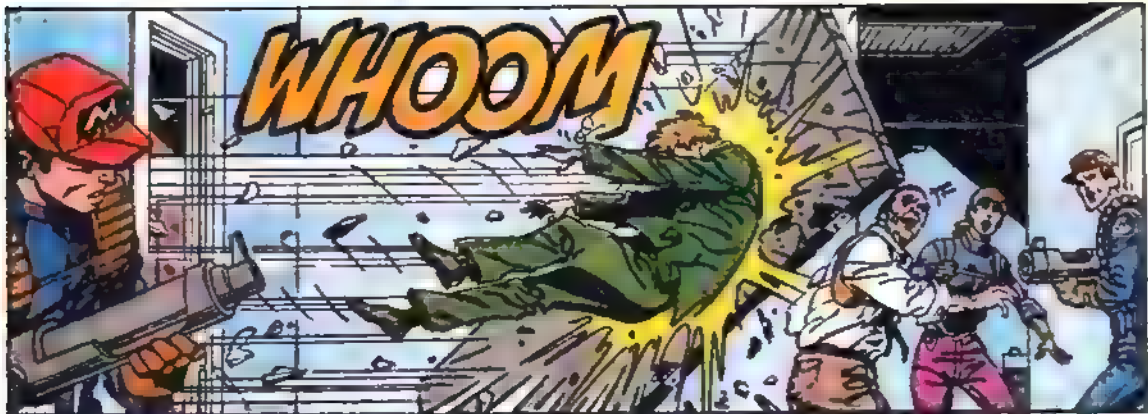
IT MATTERS NOT THAT I BUT CARRIED OUT MY DUTY TO THE ROYAL HOUSE. SHE WILL HUNT ME DOWN.



LOOK, I'LL ADMIT I DON'T KNOW YOUR CUSTOMS, BUT THINGS ARE DIFFERENT HERE! WE CAN ARRANGE FOR PROTECTIVE CUSTODY...



REMOVE YOUR HAND FROM ME!



"...WAITING FOR MAXIMA
TO COME FOR ME. I KNOW
HER TOO WELL... SHE WILL
BE UNABLE TO STAY AWAY."

"THE ARDOR BUILDS
WITHIN HER. SHE IS
DRAWN TO SUPERMAN
LIKE A TIDE TO THE
SHORE!"

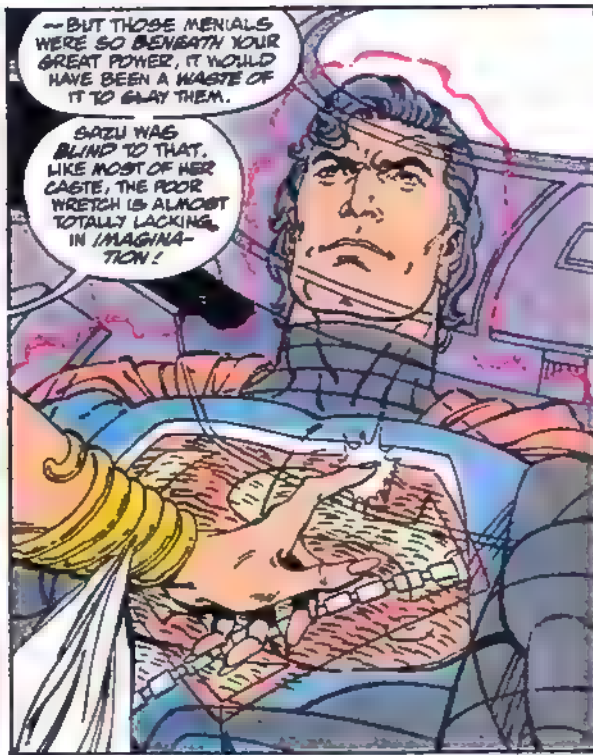
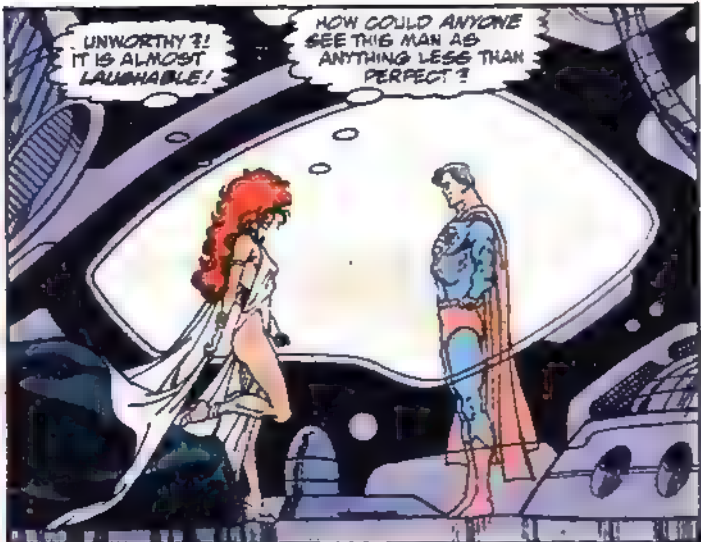
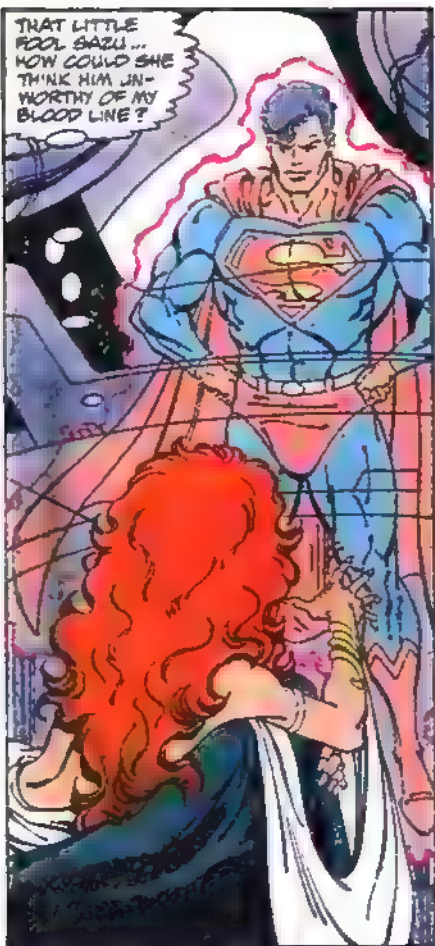
YES!

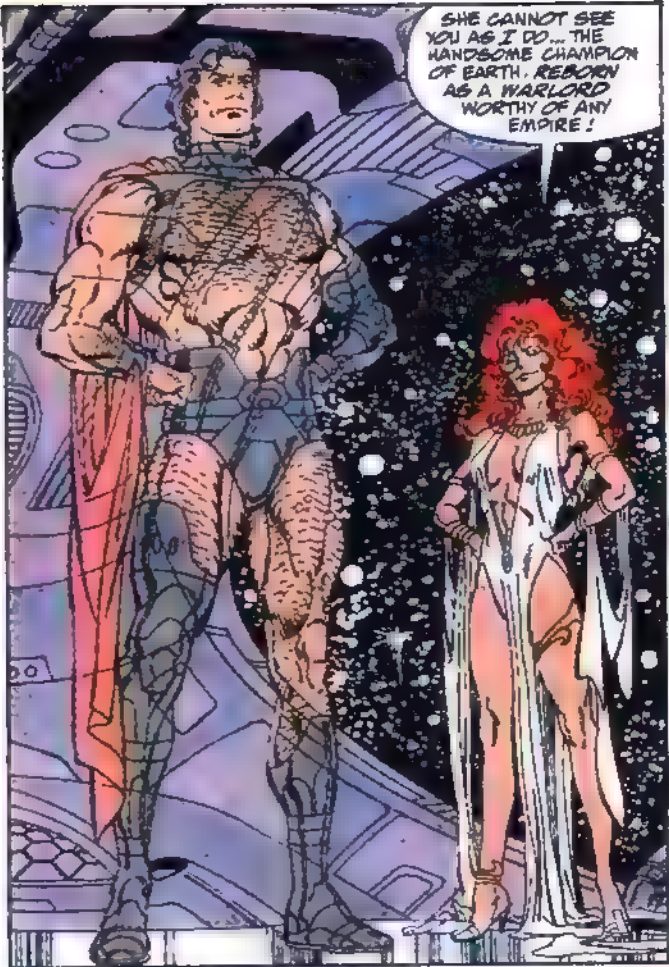
THE IMAGES TRANSMITTED
THROUGH MY SIMULACRUM
SERVE ONLY TO CONFIRM MY
FIRST IMPRESSIONS. THESE
SCENES PILOCATED FROM THE
TYRANT MONOLU'S GAMES
WERE INTRIGUING
ENOUGH--

--BUT, IF
ANYTHING, THE
KRYPTONIAN'S
POWERS APPEAR
EVEN GREATER
THAN FIRST
REPORTED!

AND HIS BIO-SCAN
CONFIRMS THE COM-
PATIBILITY OF OUR GENETIC
HERITAGES.

HE IS THE
ONE I HAVE
LONG
SEARCHED
FOR... THE
PERFECT
MATE!

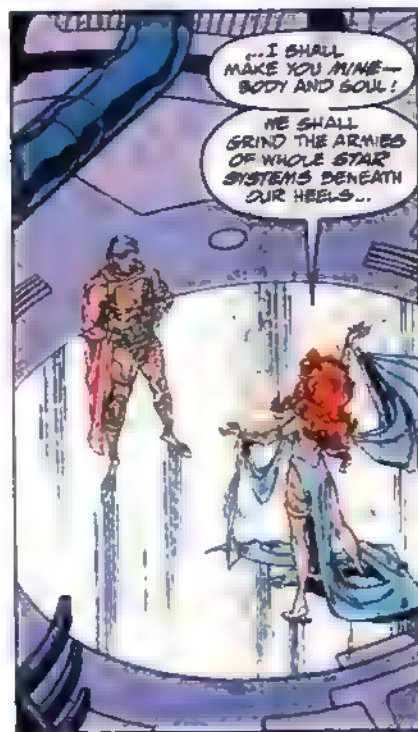




SHE CANNOT SEE YOU AS I DO... THE HANDSOME CHAMPION OF EARTH, REBORN AS A WARLORD WORTHY OF ANY EMPIRE!

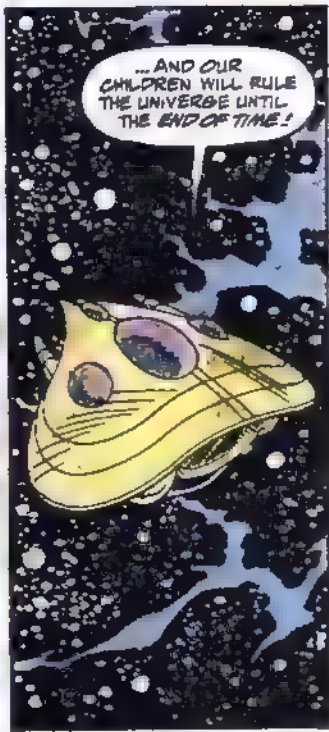


YES, SUPERMAN! I SHALL MAKE A MIGHTY WARLORD OF YOU...



...I SHALL MAKE YOU MINE— BODY AND SOUL!

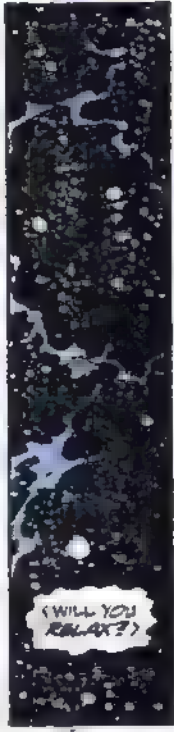
WE SHALL GRIND THE ARMIES OF WHOLE STAR SYSTEMS BENEATH OUR HEELS...



...AND OUR CHILDREN WILL RULE THE UNIVERSE UNTIL THE END OF TIME!



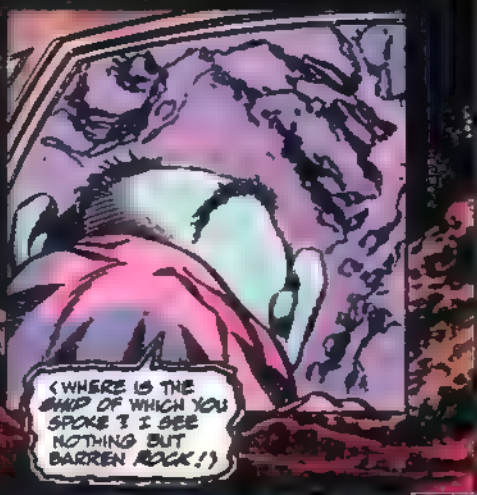
(HOW MUCH LONGER?)



(WILL YOU RELAX?)



(WE'RE HERE
ALREADY!)



(WHERE IS THE
END OF WHICH YOU
SPOKE? I SEE
NOTHING BUT
BARREN ROCK!)

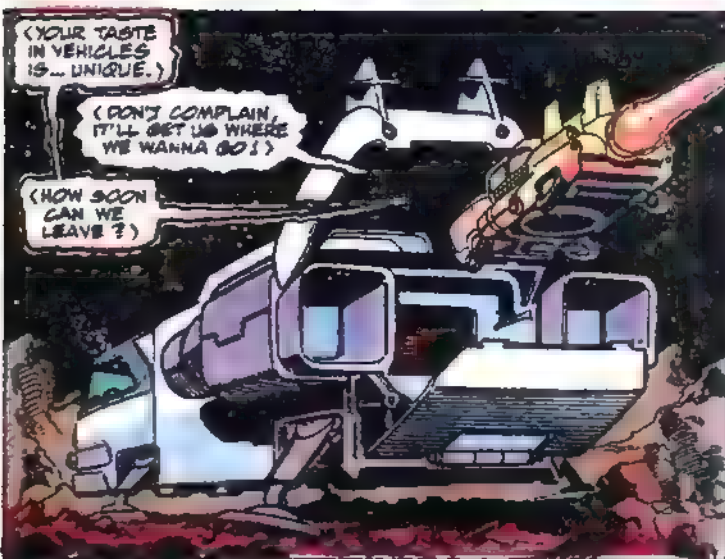


(OF COURSE YOU DO! IF I LEFT
IT OUT FOR EVERYONE TO SEE,
SOME CREEP MIGHT TRY TO STEAL
IT! THAT'S WHERE THIS LITTLE
STENO COMES IN! I JUST
PUNCH IN THE CODE--)

NEEP
NEEP
NEEP



(--AND VOILA!
THE CAMOUFLAGE
FIELD Fades OUT--
AND THERE'S MY
BABY!)



(YOUR TASTE
IN VEHICLES
IS... UNIQUE.)

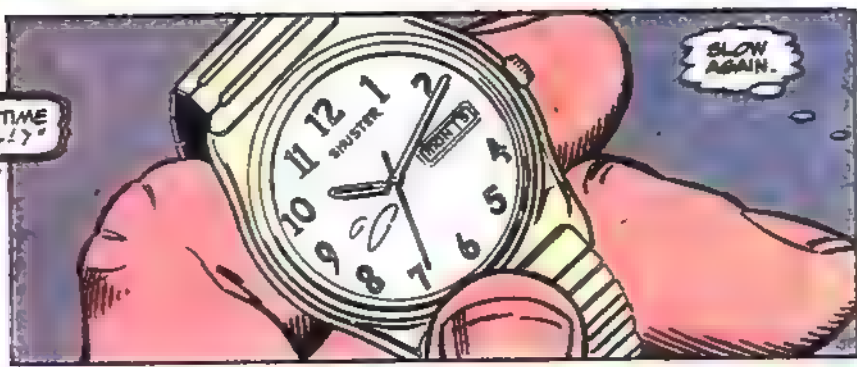
(DON'T COMPLAIN,
IT'LL GET US WHERE
WE WANNA GO!)

(HOW SOON
CAN WE
LEAVE?)



(KEEP YER SHIRT
ON, PAL... JUST AS
SOON AS EVERY-
THING IS STONED
AWAY! WE'LL BE
OUTTA HERE IN
NO TIME...)

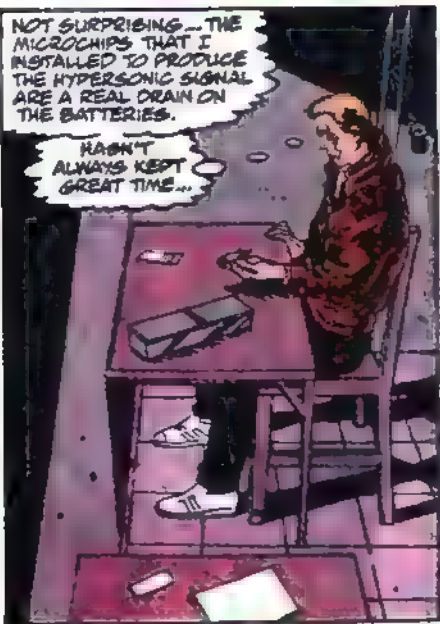
"...NO TIME AT ALL!"



SLOW AGAIN.

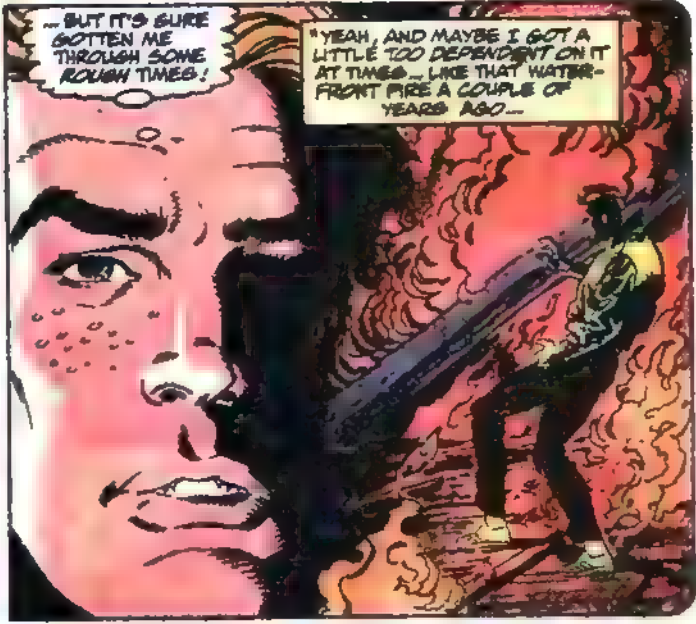
NOT SURPRISING... THE MICROCHIPS THAT I INSTALLED TO PRODUCE THE HYPERSONIC SIGNAL ARE A REAL DRAIN ON THE BATTERIES.

HASN'T ALWAYS KEPT GREAT TIME...



...BUT IT'S SURE GOTTEN ME THROUGH SOME ROUGH TIMES!

"YEAH, AND MAYBE I GOT A LITTLE TOO DEPENDENT ON IT AT TIMES... LIKE THAT WATER-FRONT FIRE A COUPLE OF YEARS AGO..."



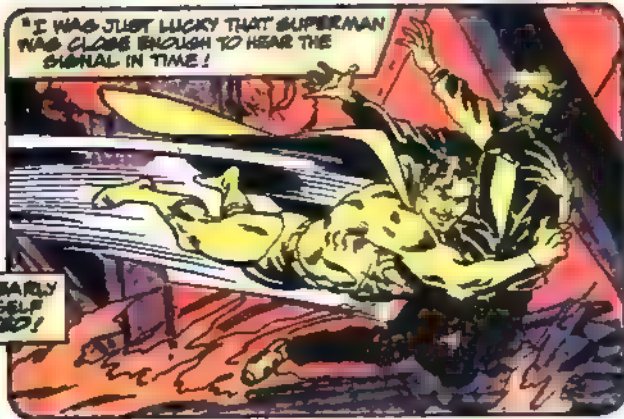
"LIKE A DOPE, I SLIPPED PAST POLICE BARRICADES, TRYING TO GET GOOD SHOTS OF THE BLAZE.

"I ALMOST WAITED TOO LONG TO PRESS THE PANIC BUTTON..."



"I WAS JUST LUCKY THAT SUPERMAN WAS CLOSE ENOUGH TO HEAR THE SIGNAL IN TIME!"

"...AND NEARLY GOT MYSELF ROASTED!"

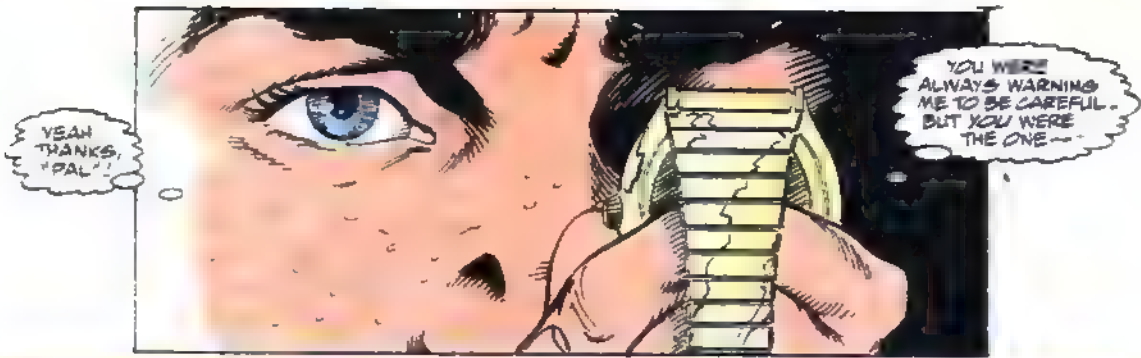


JIMMY--!

I KNOW... I GOTTA BE MORE CAREFUL.

THANKS, PAL.





YEAH
THANKS,
"PAL"!

YOU WERE
ALWAYS WARNING
ME TO BE CAREFUL...
BUT YOU WERE
THE ONE--

--WHO BROUGHT THAT KRYPTON-
IAN GIZMO TO EARTH... THE ONE
THAT HAD ME STRETCHING OUT OF
SHAPE



"OH, SURE, YOU
FELT REAL BAD
ABOUT THAT..."

...SO BAD THAT YOU TOOK ME TO
SOME SECRET GENETICS PROJECT
AND DUMPED ME IN THE HANDS OF
A D.N. ALIEN AND SOME SCREWY
SCIENTISTS.



"THEY GOT ME STRAIGHTENED
OUT, BUT THEY NEVER MENTIONED
THAT THERE WOULD BE SIDE-
EFFECTS."



MAYBE I SHOULDN'T COM-
PLAIN... MY HAIR IS GROWING
BACK FINALLY! I SUPPOSE IT
COULD'VE BEEN WORSE-- I
COULD'VE GOTTEN FURRY-- I
COULD'VE TURNED INTO A MUTANT
TURTLE OR SOMETHING.



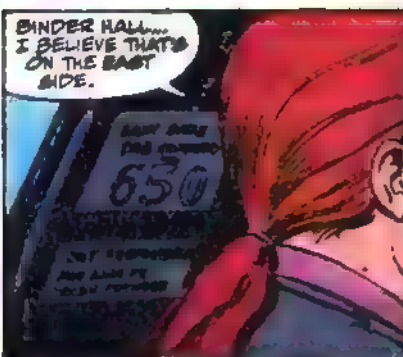
STILL, NONE OF THIS
WOULD HAVE
HAPPENED IN THE
FIRST PLACE, IF
IT HADN'T BEEN
FOR SUPERMAN!

WITH MY SIGNAL
WATCH LOCKED AWAY
HERE, I WON'T EVEN
BE TEMPTED TO CALL
ON HIM FOR HELP.

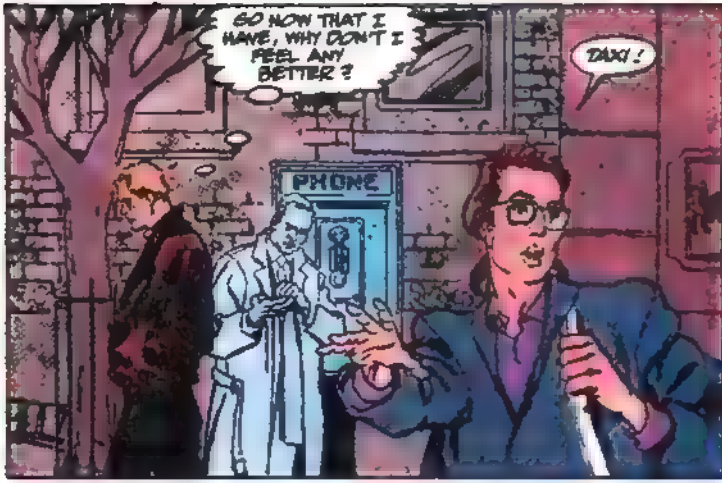


YEAH...YOU CAN'T REALLY BE YOUR OWN MAN IF YOU'RE ALWAYS CALLING ON A GUARDIAN ANGEL TO BAIL YOU OUT.

I SHOULD'VE DONE THAT A LONG TIME AGO.

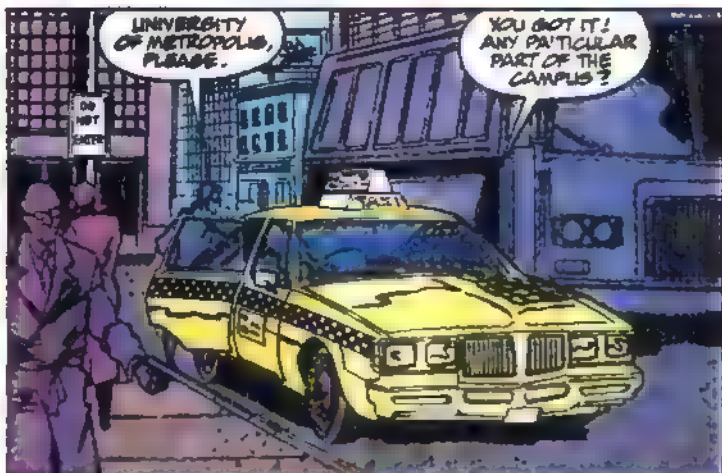


BINDER HALL... I BELIEVE THAT'S ON THE EAST SIDE.



GO NOW THAT I HAVE, WHY DON'T I FEEL ANY BETTER?

TAXI!



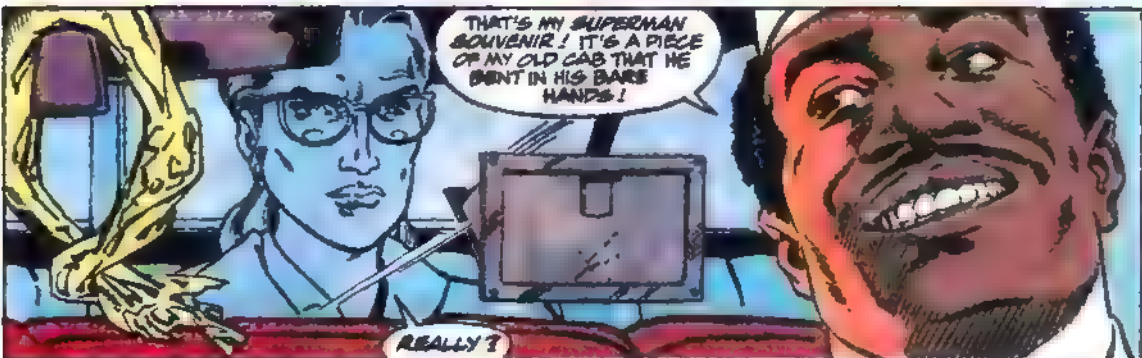
UNIVERSITY OF METROPOLIS, PLEASE.

YOU GOT IT! ANY PARTICULAR PART OF THE CAMPUS?



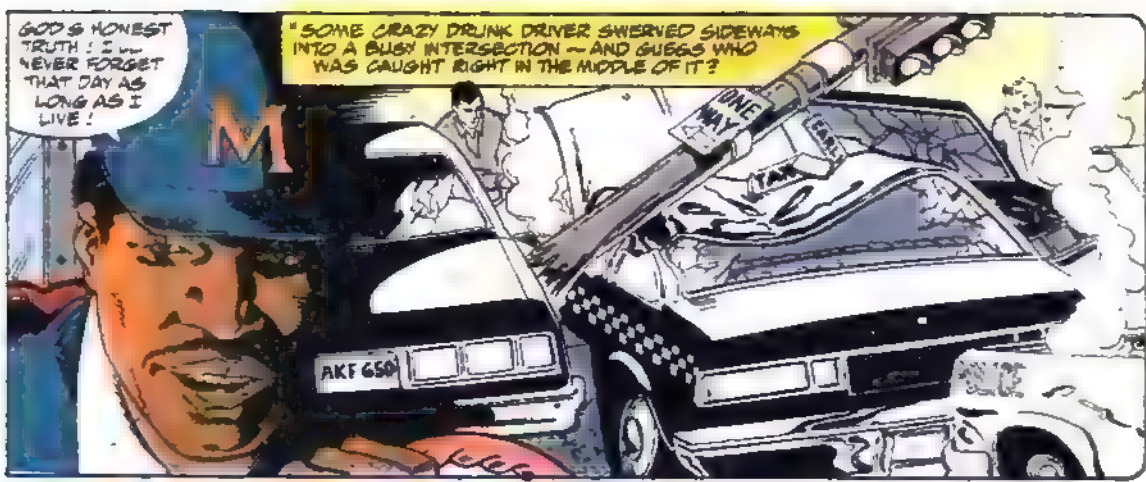
OKAY.

YOU HAVE... AN UNUSUAL MIRROR ORNAMENT.



THAT'S MY SUPERMAN SOUVENIR! IT'S A PIECE OF MY OLD CAB THAT HE BENT IN HIS BARE HANDS!

REALLY?

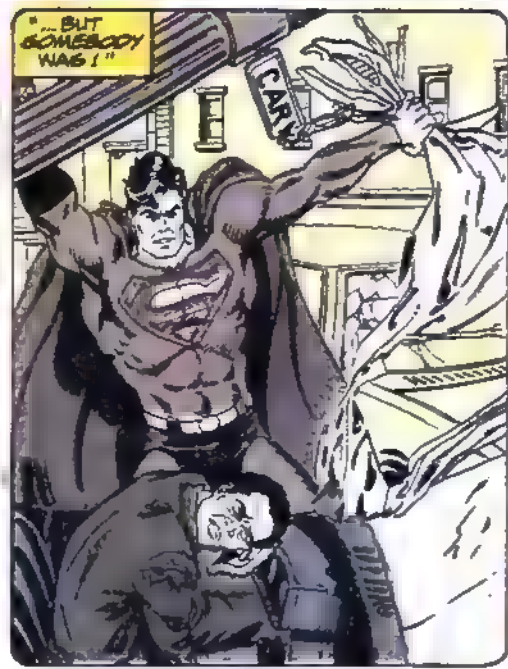


GOD'S HONEST TRUTH: I'VE NEVER FORGET THAT DAY AS LONG AS I LIVE!

"SOME CRAZY DRUNK DRIVER SWERVED SIDEWAYS INTO A BUSY INTERSECTION -- AND GUESS WHO WAS CAUGHT RIGHT IN THE MIDDLE OF IT?"



"I WAS BUSTED UP PRETTY BAD-- AND PINNED IN TIGHT. I DON'T KNOW IF THE GOOD LORD WAS WATCHIN' OVER ME THAT DAY..."

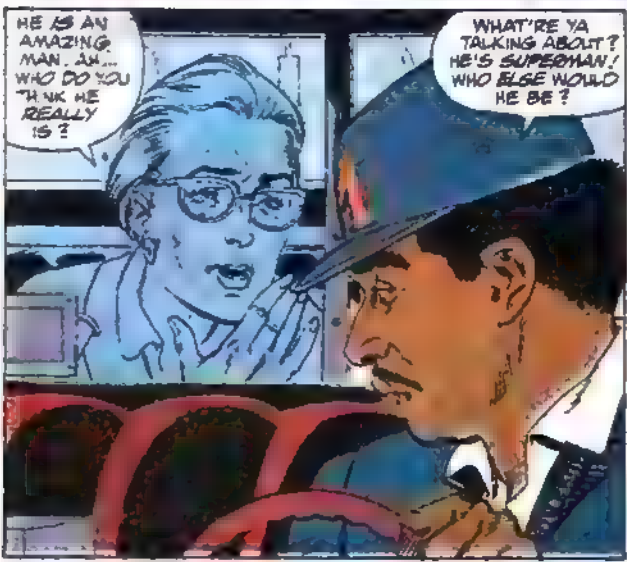


"...BUT SOMEBODY WAS!"



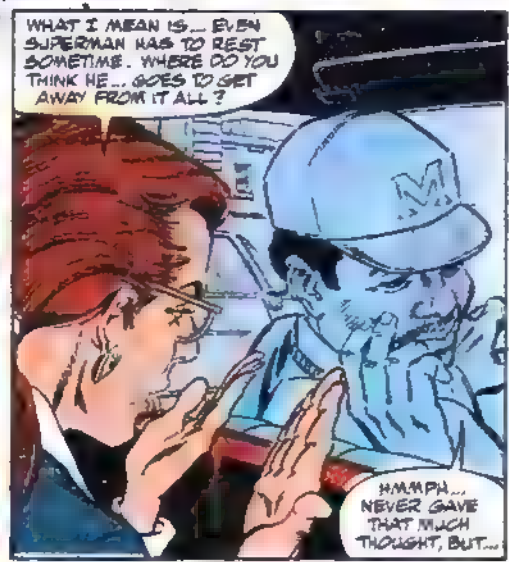
TAKE IT EASY. YOU'RE GOING TO BE ALL RIGHT.

"ANY WHEN HE SAID IT I BELIEVED IT!"



HE IS AN AMAZING MAN. AN... WHO DO YOU THINK HE REALLY IS?

WHAT'RE YA TALKING ABOUT? HE'S SUPERMAN! WHO ELSE WOULD HE BE?



WHAT I MEAN IS... EVEN SUPERMAN HAS TO REST SOMETIME. WHERE DO YOU THINK HE... GOES TO GET AWAY FROM IT ALL?

HAMPH... NEVER GAVE THAT MUCH THOUGHT, BUT...

"... IF I WAS SUPERMAN, I'D HAVE
ME A FANCY HIDEAWAY SOMEWHERE
'WAY UP IN THE MOUNTAINS!"



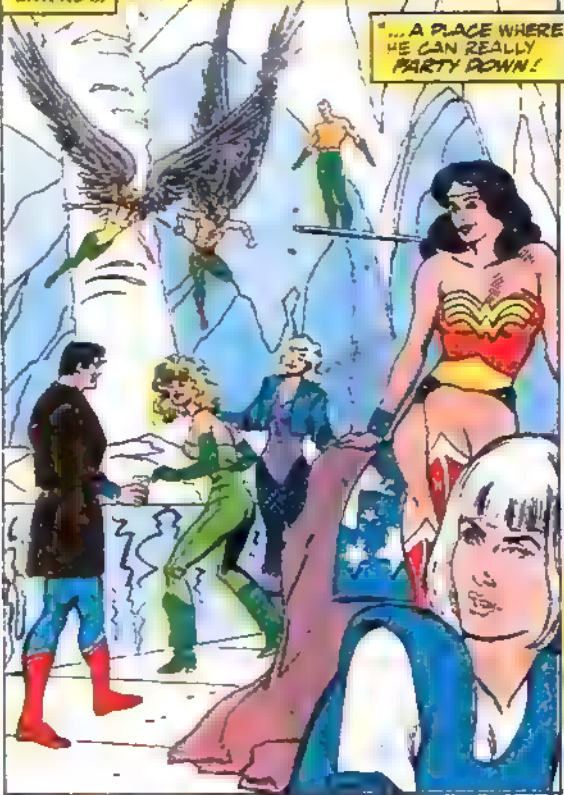
"YEAH... WITH A BUTLER
AND THE WORKS!"



YOUR FRIENDS HAVE
ALREADY ARRIVED S.O.
THEY'RE IN THE
UNDERGROUND
GROTTO.

THANK
YOU,
HEDLEY.

"I MEAN, AFTER A HARD DAY OF SAVIN' THE WORLD, A
SUPERMAN OUGHTA HAVE A PLACE WHERE HE CAN
UNWIND..."



...A PLACE WHERE
HE CAN REALLY
PARTY DOWN!



"I'LL BET HE HAS
HIS OWN PRIVATE
BOWLIN' ALLEY!
AND WITH THE KINGA
FRIENDS HE HAS,
IT WOULD HAVE TO
BE SOMETHIN'
SPECIAL!"

"NOT THAT EVERYTHING HAS TO BE THAT ELABORATE..."

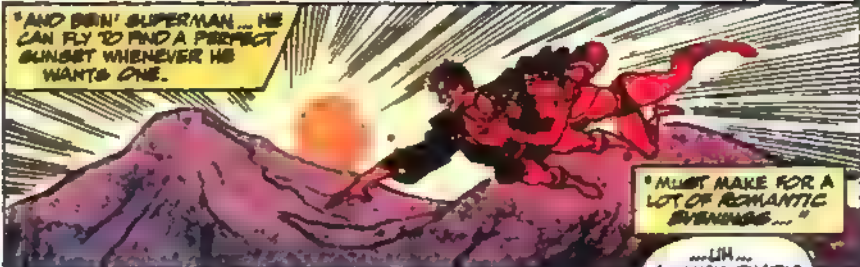


"...I SEE SUPERMAN AS THE KINDA GUY WHO COULD RELAX JUST BY HAVIN' A FIRM BUDDY OVER FOR POKER!"

ANOTHER FULL HOUSE?? HOW DO YOU DO IT?



"AND BURN! SUPERMAN... HE CAN FLY TO FIND A PERFECT SUNSET WHENEVER HE WANTS ONE."



"MIGHT MAKE FOR A LOT OF ROMANTIC EVENINGS..."

...UH... ANYWAY, THAT'S HOW I SEE IT.

I MEAN, SUPERMAN COULD LIVE HALFWAY 'ROUND THE WORLD, RIGHT?



RIGHT...

...HOWEVER, HE HAPPENS TO LIVE IN THIS CITY. BUT YOU'D NEVER BELIEVE THE TRUTH...



"...I COULDN'T CONVINCE LEX LUTHOR THAT HIS OWN INVESTIGATION PROVED SUPERMAN TO BE GLASSK RENT!"

GIVEN THE BODY OF EVIDENCE, IT'S SO LOGICAL! SO FLAWLESSLY LOGICAL!



IS IT? TO A MACHINE, PERHAPS.

I KNOW BETTER... NO MAN WITH THE POWER OF SUPERMAN WOULD EVER PRETEND TO BE A MERE HUMAN!

SUCH POWER IS TO BE CONSTANTLY EXPLOITED. SUCH POWER IS TO BE USED!!



THAT MONSTER FIRED ME
AND ORDERED MY DATA BANKS
ERASED. HE COULDN'T
CONCEIVE OF ANYONE
THINKING DIFFERENTLY
THAN HE.

BUT I SWEAR, SOMEDAY I'LL FIND
INDISPUTABLE PROOF, AND THEN---

HMMM...

Please check
for Persons
before leave

RETRO
PAGE

LOCAL LOOK

Clark Kent named
managing editor at
Newstime

I HAD ASSUMED THAT
KENT WORKED AS A
REPORTER FOR THE
FLEXIBILITY IT GAVE
HIM. WHY WOULD HE
TAKE A DESK JOB?
UNLESS...

NO! HE IS
SUPERMAN! I
KNOW IT!

WHAT COULD HAVE
POSSESSED HIM TO GO
TO NEWSTIME? MONEY?
PRESTIGE? EGO?

"THERE'S STILL SO MUCH
TO LEARN ABOUT THE
REAL CLARK KENT!"

AFTER WORKING
UNDER DAILY DEADLINES,
I'D HAVE THOUGHT THAT
EDITING A WEEKLY NEWS
MAGAZINE WOULD BE
LESS HARRIED.

WE'LL
LIVE AND
LEARN!

I HOPE THERE ARE
NO MORE MAJOR
EMERGENCIES
TONIGHT...

...I COULD
USE SOME
DOWN
TIME.

BETTER TAKE CARE
OF THAT FIVE O'CLOCK
SHADOW.

NO DOUBT MY
REFLECTED HEAT-
VISION ALLOWS ME
TO SHAVE CLOSER
AND FASTER THAN
OTHER MEN... BUT
THIS IS STILL A
BOTHER.



IF I'D GROWN UP ON KRYPTON, I WOULD NEVER HAVE HAD TO SHAVE. I'D HAVE BEEN FITTED AT BIRTH WITH A BODY-SUIT WHICH WOULD HAVE INHIBITED HAIR GROWTH.

NO SHAVING... NO SHOWERING... NO REAL EATING, SAVE FOR CEREMONIAL PURPOSES.



BUT THIS IS HARDLY KRYPTON, IS IT?



AND WHILE I SOAK UP MOST OF MY ENERGY FROM THE SUN, I WOULDN'T WANT TO GO WITHOUT FOOD FOR LONG.

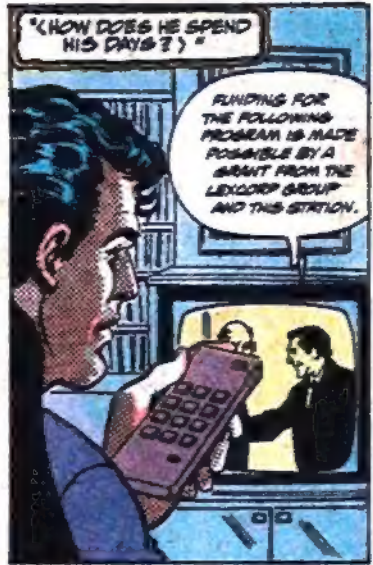
LET'S SEE... LEFTOVER EGG ROLLS? WHY NOT?



JUST APPLY A LITTLE HEAT, AND DINNER IS SERVED!

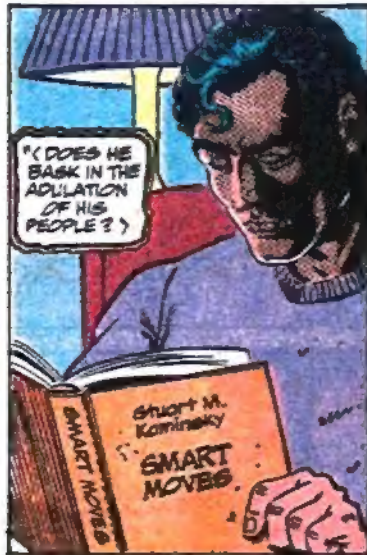


THERE, YOU'RE NICE AND CLEAN...



"HOW DOES HE SPEND HIS DAYS?"

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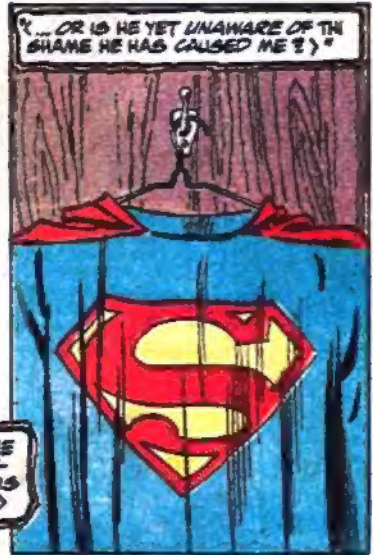
"(DOES HE BASK IN THE ADULATION OF HIS PEOPLE?)"

SHORT M. KORMINSKY
SMART MOVES



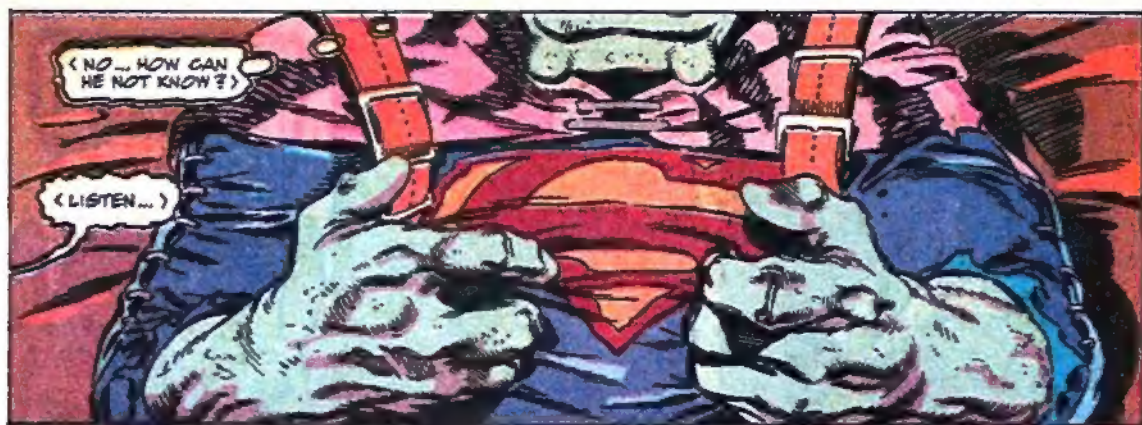
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"(DOES HE DOSS FITFULLY IN HIS SLEEP...)"



"... OR IS HE YET UNAWARE OF THE SHAME HE HAS CAUSED ME? "







(...GAUGE A-WAY WE GO!)

<NEXT STOP... EARTH!>



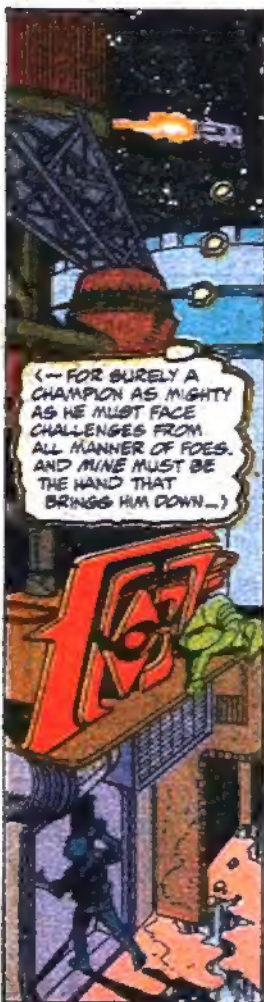
<I DO-DO-DOODY-DO!>
HEY, YA MIND IF I PUT ON A LITTLE TRAVELIN' MUSIC?>

<DO AS YOU WISH...>



<I PRAY THAT I DO NOT KILL THIS FOOL BEFORE WE REACH EARTH... AND THAT HIS SHIP IS FASTER THAN IT LOOKS...>

<I MUST CONFRONT THE SUPERMAN SOON, IF I AM TO SETTLE OUR SCORE...>



<-- FOR SURELY A CHAMPION AS MIGHTY AS HE MUST FACE CHALLENGERS FROM ALL MANNER OF FOLKS. AND NONE MUST BE THE HAND THAT BRINGS HIM DOWN...>



<...NONE OTHER!>

<I'M LOOKING FOR A GOOD FIGHT... BUT I'LL SETTLE FOR A BAD ONE! ANYONE CARE TO OBLIGE?>

<L-L-LOBO!>

NEXT MONTH:

DRAAGA'S BOUND FOR EARTH, BUT HE'LL HAVE TO WAIT HIS TURN!

ROUND 1:

IN SUPERMAN #41
...LOBO VS. BIBBO!
(JERRY SAYS, "DON'T ASK! JUST BUY IT!")

ROUND 2:

IN ADVENTURES OF SUPERMAN #464
...LOBO VS. THE MAN OF STEEL!

ROUND 3:

IN ACTION COMICS #651...
SUPERMAN VS. MAXIMA IN THE BATTLE OF THE SEXES!

RESERVE YOUR SEATS TODAY!